

Created to be... perceptive (Part 1)

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Key verse(s): ¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family^[G] in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. – Ephesians 3:14-19

In the world around us...

1) A person who is perceptive can...

2) If a person lacks perception...

What's in the Word? Let's expand our view by looking at Ephesians 3:14-19

3) The apostle Paul is writing to Christians in a place called Ephesus. What does he want them to know?

4) How will they perceive of these realities?

5) How do Paul's words compare to Isaiah 6:8-13?

6) How is 1 Peter 1:10-12 like Ephesians 3:1-13?

Look in your catechism:

7) Which parts of the Small Catechism assume that we are meant to be perceptive?

8) What kind of information do we receive through physical means?

9) Of what do we become aware by faith?

Homework:

Complete this entire worksheet, even if we do not get to it in class.

For next week, read John chapter 6 and come to class ready to discuss this question: What did Peter perceive about Jesus that others did not when he said, "Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,⁶⁹ and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.'" – John 6:68-69

Closing Prayer

Please pray for: Those who have eyes but don't see, ears but don't hear, and hearts that are dull.