

# The Beasts Beloved Part Two - "Full Of Eyes"

In Revelation chapter four's account of God's throne room we saw that beasts have the closest proximity to the Lamb. A question could naturally arise, "How did these beasts come to abide as such with the Lamb?" Words fail to impart what John beheld in this spiritual view of the Lamb's throne. The imagery presented to us in the book of Revelation challenges our order and religious manner as the Spirit begins unveiling the reality of God's King (a slaughtered little Lamb) and His true worshippers (converted beasts). Here, the least are the greatest, the empty are full, and beasts are one with the Lamb. Even the elders were overcome and challenged by this relationship the beasts had with the slain Lamb, and it caused them get lower to get closer, casting crowns and rejecting thrones to see and know Him and Him alone (Rev. 4:9-10).



I believe much of the answer to this question concerning the beasts and their union with the Lamb is found in Revelation chapter 4 verse 6: *"And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, **were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.**"* The answer is in the eyes! These beasts' eyes saw the Lamb continually. Their entire being was filled with eyes because seeing the Lamb (and not themselves) was one of the most defining features of their existence. Yes... apart from the Lamb they are beasts... oh wretched man (Rom. 7:24)! BUT because of the slain Lamb and His death for them they have now become partakers of His divine Lamb nature. They now only know themselves by seeing HIM and Him alone. He is all their righteousness (I Cor. 1:30). We can become overwhelmed by our own condition rather than caught up into Him Who is our true condition. We can become bowed down in our lack rather than lifted up into His fullness. We can allow our own darkness to overcome the light of His face. **The eyes make all the difference.** When the heart turns towards the Lord the veil is rent, and **as we behold the glory of God in the face of Jesus** we are changed from glory to glory into that same image! (II Cor. 3:16-18).

Every Christian, even after being born again, will be confronted with attitudes, actions, motivations and intentions that flow forth from the old nature of self. We may be tempted to make excuses to justify and cover up our flesh when it manifests. Some may feel rejected and condemned by these confrontations with their personal need for a deeper conformity to Christ. These fears and reactions come from eyes that have not yet been fully opened to the Lamb in His throne and in His being. These ways of covering our flesh instead of exposing it to Calvary may be the result of not knowing the glory that is to be revealed in us (Col. 1:27). Every Christian faces that dark hour of decision when their wretched condition manifests beyond control or justification. The real decision in that dark hour becomes a question of where our eyes are looking. Our hearts may be overcome with inner turmoil in these hours, but when love for God turns our hearts in His direction rather than self-awareness, we will begin to behold Him Who truly is our life. This living faith will lift us above the need into the answer Himself. Jesus Himself said, "IF you abide in me, THEN I will abide in you." We may feel the need to be perfect before we can be with the Lamb, but only through abiding will that true perfection come through oneness.

## They Despised Not Mercy

These beasts despised not the mercies of God to draw them deeper into knowing the Lamb in living union, even when part of that drawing power was the contrast between who they are and who Christ is. The living Word of God is as a two-edged sword bringing to bear the power of the Cross within us, making manifest the hidden things of darkness that come from the old nature of self. This is the merciful kindness of God to prepare our hearts for His Son to be enthroned within, for how else will we truthfully be able to declare, “**NOT I**... but CHRIST liveth in me (Gal. 2:20)? The secret is these beasts acknowledged their wretched state (Rom. 7).. but they DO NOT KEEP THEIR EYES THERE! They BELIEVE the good report that they were crucified with Christ and then continued forward to embrace Christ as their new identity and life, allowing that life to be formed in them WHILE THEY KEPT THEIR EYES ON JESUS! (Gal 4:19, Heb. 2:8-9). Fears and condemnation can arise during this precious ministry of the living Word based on false perceptions of Who and how God is. These fears can run so deep that they may move some to reject the ministry of the living Word that divides motive and intent, soul and spirit (Heb. 4:12). If we only saw ourselves as God sees us our fears and condemnation would flee away! Somehow we may think that God only sees us in Christ when there is no more flesh manifesting in our lives. It is BECAUSE God sees us in His Son that he DEALS with us by the inworking of that Cross to bring to bear the power of that death in our daily walk.

## The Ascendancy of The Eyes

The scriptures declare that the four beasts were full of eyes before and behind (Rev. 4:6). These creatures full of eyes also appear in the book of Ezekiel (Ez. 1:5-26, 10:1-19). Their decision to separate from their old condition to oneness with the Lamb has overtaken their entire being, causing eyes to form in every part. What possibly began with a desperate choice in the dark night of the soul to turn from self and behold the Lamb has now turned into a lifestyle, transforming their very being and existence. What once was a blurry and veiled hope covered with the woes and fears of the carnal mind is now the unveiled light of Life Himself burning within them as a living flame (Ez. 1:13). These living creatures /converted beasts have fixed their gaze so steadfastly upon the Lamb that they have grown wings! These wings are empowered by eyes that see the Lamb, lifting them up far above the earth and who they used to be into a deep participation in the divine nature, the Lamb who was slain. The first step was the heart turning to the Lord in the midst of wretchedness and failure. The next step was not breaking gaze with the Lamb, even when old beast attitudes kept rising up from within. They abide as branches cleaving to the Lamb with purpose of heart, not allowing their failures to make them let go of Him. Soon the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus began making them free deep inside from those old beast ways, giving them wings of life to manifest Lamb attitudes instead. These wings speak of a freedom to be with the Lamb in ways we were unable to express before. As we keep our eyes on Him, He keeps taking new ground in us. Jesus said in John 15:4 that our part is to abide in Him, and His part is to abide in us. We cannot change ourselves, but we can turn our eyes upon Jesus and behold the Lamb until He is the change in us. We do not have to remain stuck in the earth, entrapped in our failures and held in our unconformity. Even in the darkest hour, we can choose to abide in Him and behold the One in whom our true life is found.

