

John 9:1-3 *And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.*

John 9:4-5. *I [Jesus] must work [accomplish] the works of him that sent me [God the Father], while it is day: the night cometh [will be here soon], when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.*

John 9:6-7 *When he [Jesus] had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing [saw with his eyes for the first time].*

John 9:15, 25, 35-38 *Then again the Pharisees also asked him [the man born blind] how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He [Jesus] put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. ... He [the man born blind] answered and said, Whether he [Jesus] be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. ... Jesus heard that they had cast him out [of the court of the Pharisees]; and when he [Jesus] had found him [the man born blind], he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.*

I. Introduction

A. Jesus has encounters with Pharisees (part of Jewish religious leaders)

1. Pharisees try to trap Jesus with questions of Jewish law – John 8:3,6
2. Pharisees accuse Jesus of breaking the Sabbath laws and saying false things – John 8:13, 19

B. Jesus & His disciples pass by a blind man

1. They think that blindness was God's punishment for someone's sins, either the parents' or the man.
2. Jesus instructs them that there was no sin involved, but only to reveal God's work of healing through Jesus.
 - a. Do not judge that life's difficulties are due to some personal sin
 - b. God has purpose for human difficulty, which may be that God's work will be revealed

C. Jesus allows light (Truth) to enter the eyes of those who believe on Him.

John 8:12 *Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

II. The Message of Christ

A. Works of the Father

1. Jesus was doing His Father's business even at age 12,

Luke 2:49 *And he [Jesus] said unto them [Joseph and Mary], How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not [didn't you know] that I must be about my Father's business?*

2. Obedient work – Jesus came down from heaven to do His Father's will

John 6:38 *For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.*

3. Urgent work – Jesus came to finish His Father's work

John 4:34-35 *Jesus saith unto them, My meat [food] is to do the will of him that sent me [God the Father], and to finish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest [the crops must grow for four more months]? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest [the crops (people's souls) are ready to be harvested right now].*

4. Saving work – Jesus came to look for lost people & to save them

Luke 19:10 *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

B. Good works done for God's glory shine in a fallen world

1. Jesus declares Himself as the "Light of the World"

John 8:12 *Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

John 12:46 *I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.*

2. Light of the glorious gospel

a. Satan's tries to blind people's minds

2 Corinthians 4:4 *In whom the god of this world [Satan] hath **blinded the minds of them which believe not**, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

- b. But God commands the light to shine

2 Corinthians 4:6 *For **God, who commanded the light to shine** out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

III. The Manifestation of the Light

A. Jesus revealed His life to all

- 1. Jesus showed the works of His Father during His public ministry
- 2. Jesus' life changes lives

B. Jesus dispelled darkness of blind man's eyes

1. Jesus' power to heal

- a. Word "Siloam" means 'Sent'
- b. Jesus sent this blind man to Pool of Siloam

2. Blind man proved his faith

- a. Blind man was obedient to Jesus' command
- b. He took physical steps to the pool (still blind)
- c. He received his sight after washing clay out of his eyes
- d. Jesus calls for heart to believe & obey

3. Testimony of former blind man

- a. Man testified of what he knew – John 9.15, 25
- b. Man shared his marvelous healing with Pharisee leaders, but they mocked him – John 9.30-33
- c. The man born blind offered the Pharisees a testimony of hope
1 Peter 3:15 *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and **be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:***

d. Testimony of salvation

Acts 4:12 *Neither is there salvation in any other [name]: for there is none other name under heaven given among men [than Jesus], whereby we must be saved.*

IV. The Meaning of the Passage about the man born blind

A. Meaning revealed by Jesus

- 1. Jesus revealed Himself as Son of God to former blind man John 9: 35-38

2. Man believed Jesus' word

1 John 5:10 *He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.*

B. Message received by faith

1. Man's life changed by Jesus' presence
2. Man saw Jesus both physically & spiritually
3. When the man worshiped Jesus it was evidence of his faith
 - a. Life of a changed man
 - b. True faith is working faith
 - c. Saving faith is worshiping faith

V. Conclusion:

A. Gospel message reveals that life is in Jesus

John 1:4 *In him [Jesus] was life; and the life was the light of men.*

Romans 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

B. Gospel message received by faith

Ephesians 2:8-9 *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves [you didn't do anything to earn salvation]: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

John 20:31 *But these [Bible verses] are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.*