

Gospel of John Chapter 9: Good News For *Change!*

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WE HAVE SPIRITUAL BLINDSPOTS FROM:

➤ **Misplaced Focus.**

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him." John 9:1-3

Key: God Never Wastes a Hurt in Our Weakness.

²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have. Phil 1:29-30

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who^l have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

By no means let any of you suffer as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler. 1 Peter 4:15

⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." John 9:4-5

Jesus 7 I AM Statements

I am the bread of life – John 6:35, 48, 51	I am the light of the world – John 8:12; 9:5
I am the gate – John 10:7, 9	I am the good shepherd – John 10:11, 14
I am the resurrection and the life – John 11:25	I am the way, the truth and the life – John 14:6
I am the true vine – John 15:1	

⁶ After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. ⁷ "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. John 9:6-7

Key: God Allows Us To Play A Part in Every Miracle. "GO".

➤ **Incorrect Theology...**

• **Like The Neighbors Not Believing In Miracles.**

⁸ His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man."¹⁰ "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked. ¹¹ He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see." ¹² "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said. John 9:8-12

• **Like The Pharisee Bias: Messiah Wouldn't Heal on Sabbath.**

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴ Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵ Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided. John 9:13-18 and John 9:24-34

➤ **Like The Parents: Fearful and Not Trusting God.**

¹⁹ "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?" ²⁰ "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. ²¹ But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." John 9:19-22

My Response To Jesus (Truth) Plays A Role In Seeing My Blind Spots:

¹¹ He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see." John 9:11

²⁵ He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" John 9:25

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." ³⁷ Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." John 9:35-37

³⁸ Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. John 9:38