

Blind for the Glory of God

John 9:1-12

2/26/2017 Sunday AM

Scripture: John 9:1-12

Introduction

- Last week we talked about The Apparel of Christ.
- The Scripture from Colossians 3 showed us a contrast in how we once acted, and how we should act as followers of Jesus Christ.
- There is a certain way that a Christian should act after having been saved and reconciled to God.
- All throughout the Bible it teaches us to put off our “old self” and put on our ‘new self’
- This morning we are going to begin a study on the events of John 9.
- We will look at the first 12 verses this morning as we look at being Blind for the Glory of God.

John 9:1-12

¹As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His 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 work of God might be displayed in his life. ⁴As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶Having said 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. ⁸His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some 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 demanded. ¹¹He 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.

- One thing that should be pointed out in regards to the historical context surrounding this passage, is that healing throughout the Bible were rare before Jesus began his ministry.
- There are only several instances in the entire Old Testament where we see someone being healed.
- However, in the New Testament we see healing almost on a daily basis once Jesus began his ministry.
- **V.1** tells us right off something very significant about this healing, that the man was “blind from birth.”
- As we will see next week, in v.32 this type of healing had never been seen before.
- **V.2** – Immediately the disciples start asking about who sinned so that this man was born blind.
- Illnesses and disasters were commonly attributed to sin in the Jewish culture as well as other cultures.
- The disciples were asking a normal question that most anyone of the time would have asked.
- You can see that they asked about the man and his parents.
- Sin has a ripple effect as we have seen from Adam and Eve, so the disciples were asking whether it was the man’s parents that might of sinned and he was paying the consequences of their sin having been born blind.
- Jesus’ response is very significant.
- **V. 3** – Jesus lets them all know that sin was not the reason that this man was born blind, it was so that “the work of God might be displayed in his life.”
- This is a powerful message for you to realize today.
- Sometimes we go through things and God allows things to happen just so He can show us how He works.
- It may not be because you sinned or your parents sinned, it simply just may be God’s will for that moment.
- **Vv.4-7** – Jesus taught them about doing God’s work. You can hear in His words a sense of urgency because he knew his time was drawing near.
- While he was teaching them, he spit in some mud and put it on the man’s eyes.
- He then told the man to go and wash himself in the Pool of Siloam.
- At the end of v. 7 we see that the man “came home seeing.”

Blind for the Glory of God

John 9:1-12

2/26/2017 Sunday AM

- So this begs a question, was the man healed because Jesus put the mud on his face?
- If that were true, then v.6 would have told us that the man was healed after Jesus put the mud on his face.
- He was only healed after he obeyed Jesus and went and washed in the Pool of Siloam.
- Through his obedient action, the man also exercised faith in what Jesus had said and that faith is what ultimately brought healing to this man.
- Just like with most of the healings that Jesus performed, faith makes all of the difference.
- Jesus did not need to use mud and there wasn't any special healing powers of the Pool of Siloam.
- This man had been born blind, but yet he obeyed Jesus' command without argument and Jesus brought sight to his eyes.
- **Vv.8-10** – Once he got home “his neighbors” began to question whether he was the one that they had seen all those years begging and blind.
- As we will see next week, in v.32 this type of healing had never been seen before.
- In v. 9 the man himself verified that they were correct and then they began to question in v. 10 how this miraculous healing took place.
- **V.11** – The man told them that “the man they call Jesus...” He began to witness for Jesus right here.
- He also again verifies that it was after he washed the mud off in the Pool of Siloam, “then I could see’ he said.
- **V. 12** – As expected the people then wanted to know where “this man” was but the man did not know where Jesus was.
- Again this type of healing was something that was rare before Jesus came along and it was a powerful sign to the man and all those that were around him.
- It should have been something that even the religious leaders of the time would have submitted to, but as we will see next week they did not.
- What it also teaches us today is that God always has a plan and a purpose for the things that happen in this world.
- We might not be able to understand them all right now, but we must trust that God knows what He is doing and why He is doing it.
- If we have to go through something just so God can use us as an example to someone else and their faith is strengthened or they even get saved, isn't that worth it?
- God is never going to simply let us suffer and He will always bring healing.
- We just need to trust and obey through faith.

Tonight's Bible Study

The Book of Colossians – “Serving in Ministry” Colossians 1: 24-29

Wednesday Night

Who's Who in the Bible? – Enoch – Genesis, Hebrews, and Jude