

BORN BLIND
FROM DARKNESS
TO LIGHT

John chapter 9 of the Bible, tells the story of the healing and salvation of a man who was blind from birth. It is important to know the difference between being healed of some bodily disease and being saved from sin and eternal judgement. This blind man had two problems: the first was the most obvious, but the second was the most dangerous.

The first problem was his blindness. He had been born blind and lived in permanent darkness. No one had been able to help this man with his problem, *"since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind"* (John 9.32 NKJV).

The second problem was his sin, something much more serious than the first. He was also born with sin, as every human being has since birth, as Psalm 51.5 says, *"I was guilty when I was born; I was sinful when my mother conceived me"* (CSB). Sin keeps humankind in permanent spiritual darkness, *"For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed"* (John 3.20 ESV). Likewise, no one could solve the problem of this man's sin, because *"who can forgive sins but God*

alone?" (Mark 2.7 ESV).

Everything changed when he had an encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus, the Creator, *"spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam'.... So he went and washed and came back seeing"* (John 9.6,7 ESV). How marvelous the power of Christ! He gave the blind man sight. What no one else could do, Christ did.

Now, only the first problem had been solved; the second was still unresolved. Many think that when they receive a benefit from God, it means they already have God's favor, and they don't realize that God is good and that is why *"He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust"* (Matthew 5.45 NKJV). They also don't realize *"that the goodness of God leads you to repentance"* (Romans 2.4 NKJV).

The blind man was healed, but he still needed to be saved from his sins. A few moments later, Jesus found the blind man and asked him, *"Do you believe in the Son of God?"* (John 9.35 NKJV). What an important question! This was the solution to his second problem, the problem of sin. Jesus, the Savior, was

the One who could give him salvation from his sins. Salvation comes through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His complete and sufficient work on the cross of Calvary. The healed blind man's response was positive and immediate: *"Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him (Jesus)"* (v. 38 NKJV).

The Bible is clear that *"everyone who believes in him (Jesus Christ) receives forgiveness of sins through his name"* (Acts 10.43 ESV).

Do you believe in the Son of God?

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