INTRODUCTION

This weekend we cover the whole of John 9, the story of the Blind Witness. After listening to Jesus debate with the religious leaders of His day in John 8, it is quite a surprise that a blind beggar actually becomes the better apologist for following Jesus, the Messiah. The main point in the story is this: Those who know they are blind, and long for the light, will find it in Jesus and rejoice. But those who think they see everything clearly, and are in no need of the Light of the World, will be found to be the blind ones.

Seeing the Big Picture: The Religious Elite vs. A Blind Beggar

The Miracle Story: vv. 1-7

The Commoners’ Response: vv. 8-13

The Officials’ Investigation: vv. 13-34
  • The Beggar
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The Savior’s Explanation: vv. 35-41

The Savior, the Beggar, and Us ...

  “... One thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see.” John 9:25
REFLECT | JOHN 9:1-41

Do you ever have the perspective of the disciples when something bad is happening in your life? How does Jesus’ correction in verse 3 help us understand how God wants to work, even when life is not going the way we think it should? What works does God want to display in you in the season you are in right now? What can we learn from the man’s response in verses 36-37? Has Jesus opened your blind eyes? Is your response joy and worship? What area in your life could you bring greater worship to the Lord, realizing that this is the right response for Him in opening your eyes?

MEMORIZE | COLOSSIANS 1:9-12

“And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 being strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

STUDY | 1 JOHN 1:5-10

For those whose eyes have been opened by Jesus, how does John instruct us on how we should live? If we know Jesus, why is this the proper response? What does it mean that there is no darkness at all in God? What implication does that have on those who claim to have fellowship with Him? How does verse seven speak of the joy that believers can have with one another? What is the basis of the love that we have? What sin in your life do you need to confess? How can you rest in Jesus’ power to forgive?

SHARE

Share with someone how Jesus opened your eyes to see Him for who He is: the Messiah. Even if it’s with another believer, use your testimony to celebrate what God has done for you in Christ.

PRAY

Take some time and go to prayer for some of the needs in our congregation. Go to the Prayer Portal at: gracebaptist.org/prayer And feel free to submit a prayer request of your own as well.

If you have any questions or need additional resources, email Pastor David: david.hegg@gracebaptist.org