



"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)

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WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY

Sickness to the Glory of Christ

INTRODUCTION

Apparent paradoxical statements: [Galatians 2:20](#); [1 Corinthians 15:10](#)

TEXT: [John 9:1-12 \(ESV\)](#)

THE STORY

John 8:12 forms the foundation of this story (*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*).

The restoration of sight was a key indicator of the promised Messiah. Isaiah several times points to this reality: [Isaiah 8:19-9:7](#); [35:1-5](#); [42:6-7](#), etc. & [Matthew 11:3-5](#).

Since our suffering and illness is under of God's control, then all of it – from start to finish has purpose.

The story ends on a good note. When the blind man is asked if he believes in Christ, he answers, *"Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.* (John 9:38, ESV).

THE MAIN POINT

Restoring sight to the blind was one of the miracles Jews expected to see in the Messiah. And consistent with the style of Jesus, the physical healing of the blind man propels us to mankind's greater need of spiritual blindness. In fact, there is a profound connection between the man's physical blindness from birth and the universal problem of spiritual blindness from birth.

THE BLIND CONDITION OF HUMANITY

[2 Corinthians 4:3-4](#)

“... None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”¹

[1 Corinthians 2:14](#)

APPLICATION

The truth is self-evident: only God can open blind eyes to see. Only God can heal spiritual blindness. Only God can declare, “Let there be light.”

But what about [Acts 26:17-18](#)? So who opens blind eyes? Jesus or Paul?

The bottom-line is that no one will be saved unless the Lord Jesus Christ effectually calls to them, “Let there be light.” But that call is accompanied by the proclamation of the Gospel that Jesus Christ is Lord. That’s our task.

Further example: [2 Timothy 2:24-26](#)

“We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.” (John 9:4, ESV)

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¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Ro 3:10-12). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.