

The Blind Man's Healing and Our Salvation

John 9

The Healing of the Blind Man

- His condition:
 - Born blind – 9:1
 - He had never known the fullness of life experienced by those with sight
 - Was reduced to begging – 9:8
 - If left to himself, he would die a blind beggar
- Question:
 - Did his or his parents' sin cause his condition – 9:2
 - People suffer for sin – 1 Pet. 2:20; Mt. 18:3; 19:14
 - Jesus' response: Sin is not the cause, but is an opportunity to show God's works – 9:3-5; Jn. 11:4

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- The healing process:
 - Was a work of God performed through Jesus – 9:3, 30
 - Was by God's grace expressed in Jesus – Isa. 42:6-7; Jn. 9:4-5
 - Required Jesus apply clay to his eyes – 9:6
 - Required commands of Jesus be obeyed – 9:7a
 - **Did not take place until the blind man obeyed! – 9:7b; 9:15**

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Our Spiritual Healing

- Our condition: Spiritual beggars devoid of real life – Eph. 2:1-3, 12
- Question: Our condition is caused by our sin – Rom. 3:9-12; 4:12; 6:23
- Our healing process:
 - The work of God – Rom. 5:6-8
 - Requires Jesus applying his blood to our life – Rom. 5:9-10
 - Requires obeying Jesus' commands given the apostles – Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:16-16
 - We are not healed until we obey Christ's command to be washed in baptism – Acts 2:36-38, 40-41, 47; 22:14-16

Baptism and Faith

- Baptism is rejected by many as being “salvation by works” in contradiction to grace and faith.
- But I would remind them...
 - The blind was healed by the *work of God’s grace* only after expressing his **faith** in **obedience/washing** – Jn. 9:7
 - We are healed of our sin by the *work of God’s grace* only after expressing our **faith** in **obedience/baptism** – Col. 2:10-13
 - Being baptized is *not about works* or *earning our salvation*
 - Being baptized is about *trusting* in the *work of God* to remove our sin and raise us up to life with Christ

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