

R U Light?

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John 9:1-7 (NIV)

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(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.

(4) As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

(5) While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

(6) Having 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.

John 8:12

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

1. Tradition: is the living faith of those now dead.

2. Traditionalism: is the dead faith of those now living.

John 7:37

On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.

Luke 22:19

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

1 Corinthians 11:24

. . .and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

1 Corinthians 11:2

I praise you for remembering me in everything and for holding to the teachings, just as I passed them on to you.

John 9:1,2

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Ezekiel 18:17

He withholds his hand from sin and takes no usury or excessive interest. He keeps my laws and follows my decrees. He will not die for his father's sin; he will surely live.

Ezekiel 18:20

The soul who sins is the one who will die. The son will not share the guilt of the father, nor will the father share the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous man will be credited to him, and the wickedness of the wicked will be charged against him.

Ezekiel 18:23 – 27

(23) Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked? declares the Sovereign LORD. Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their ways and live?

(24) "But if a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits sin and does the same detestable things the wicked man does, will he live? None of the righteous things he has done will be remembered. Because of the unfaithfulness he is guilty of and because of the sins he has committed, he will die.

(25) "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear, O house of Israel: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust?

(26) If a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits sin, he will die for it; because of the sin he has committed he will die.

(27) But if a wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he will save his life.

Ezekiel 18:32

For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

John 5:14

Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you."

Luke 13:16

Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

James 5:15

And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven.

John 9:2,3

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John 9:4-5

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Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

John 12:36

Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light." When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

How can I be an effective light in a world of darkness?

1. Pray
2. Read the Bible
3. Hear the Word
4. Ask God for opportunities
5. Tell your story
6. Love people
7. Serve (in the church, in the kingdom, in the world)

John 9:6

(6) Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes.

Mark 7:33

After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue.

Mark 8:23

He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?"

Mark 8:25

Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.

John 9:6-7

(6) After saying 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.

I Corinthians 1:21

For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

Joshua 6:15,16

(15) On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner, except that on that day they circled the city seven times.

(16) The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the people, "Shout! For the LORD has given you the city!"

Ii Kings 5:10

Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

Deuteronomy 8:15

He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock.

I Kings 18:38

Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

II Kings 6:5

As one of them was cutting down a tree, the iron axhead fell into the water. "Oh, my lord," he cried out, "it was borrowed!"

Responding to the voice of God.

John 9:7

(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.

He was convinced of the outcome.

John 9:8-10

(8) His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?"

(9) Some 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 asked.

When light shines in darkness, there are 2 responses.

1. They will rise higher and higher in degrees of faith.
2. They harden their hearts and descend into levels of unbelief.

1. Verse 16 – division

2. Verse 18 – doubt

3. Verse 24 – disapproval

4. Verse 34 – disowned the man who received the miracle

Levels of Faith

1. Verse 11 – He knew he was healed by a man named Jesus

2. Verse 17 – He believes He is a prophet

3. Verse 32 – This is a man of God

4. Verse 38 – He calls Him "Lord"

John 9:11 - 41

(11) He 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. The Pharisees Investigate the Healing

(13) They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind.

(14) Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath.

(15) Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

(16) Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided.

(17) Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet."

(18) They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents.

(19) "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?"

(20) "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind.

(21) But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself."

(22) His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.

(23) That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

(24) A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God by telling the truth," they said. "We know this man is a sinner."

(25) He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

(26) Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

(27) He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?"

(28) Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses!

(29) We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from."

(30) The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.

(31) We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will.

(32) Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind.

(33) If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

(34) To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

(35) Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

(36) "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

(37) Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

(38) Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

(39) Jesus said, ^[a] "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

(40) Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?"

(41) Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains."