



From Darkness To Light

John 9:1 - 41



I. The Importance of Individual Attention

A. Jesus Accomplished Much Just Passing By

- Look at some of His accomplishments
 - Called disciples *Mk.1:16-20*, Woman at the well *Jn.4:1-26*, and this blind man *Jn.9:1*

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, **who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil**, for God was with Him. *Acts 10*

B. Great Good Is Achieved By Individuals “Passing By”

- **New Testament examples**
 - **Teaching the gospel *Acts 8:3-4***
 - **Persecuted saints preached everywhere**
 - **Influence for Jesus *Acts 9:36-43***
 - **Dorcas had a strong influence after death**

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- New Testament examples

- Correcting wayward brethren *Jas.5:19-20*

19 Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and **someone turns him back,**

20 Let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will **save a soul from death** and **cover a multitude of sins.**

- Too many criticize the church’s leaders rather than personally getting to work

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**II. We Learn About The
Grace of God**

A. Everyone Recognized That Jesus Healed Him

- **This miracle was testified to by the blind man's friends, enemies, and family**

30 The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes!"

- The blind man's ability to see was the greatest testimony of all

B. God's Grace Does NOT Rule Out

- Instructions from Jesus

6 When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He **anointed the eyes** of the blind man with the clay.

7 And He said to him, “**Go, wash** in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. *Jn.9*

- Is obeying Jesus' instructions legalism?

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- Obedience

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- Was this difficult or embarrassing?

- Careful Obedience

- Why wash in the Pool of Siloam? Water is water, isn't it?

C. This Is A Parallel To Our Salvation By Grace

- We are saved by God's grace

8 For by **grace you have been saved** through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

9 **Not of works**, lest anyone should boast. *Eph.2*

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10 For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Eph.2

- We are not saved by “works of merit” but we are saved by “works of faith” *Eph.2:10*

C. This Is A Parallel To Our Salvation By Grace

- Saul of Tarsus had to obey his instructions strictly

16 “And now why are you waiting? **Arise and be baptized**, and **wash away your sins**, calling on the name of the Lord.” *Acts 22*

- When the blind man washed he could see!
- When Saul was baptized he washed away his sins by taking hold of God's grace



**III. Refusal of The Majority To
Accept The Obvious**

A. Jesus' Miracle Proved His Claim As God's Son

- Some Pharisees didn't see; others saw

16 Therefore some of the Pharisees said, “**This Man is not from God**, because He does not keep the Sabbath.” Others said, “**How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?**” And there was a division among them. *Jn.9*

- This is about more than one blind person. There were many blind Pharisees!

B. Why Could Some NOT See?

- Religious beliefs
 - Certain Jews rejected Jesus because he didn't practice their Sabbath traditions
- Egos - Pride prevented their seeing truth

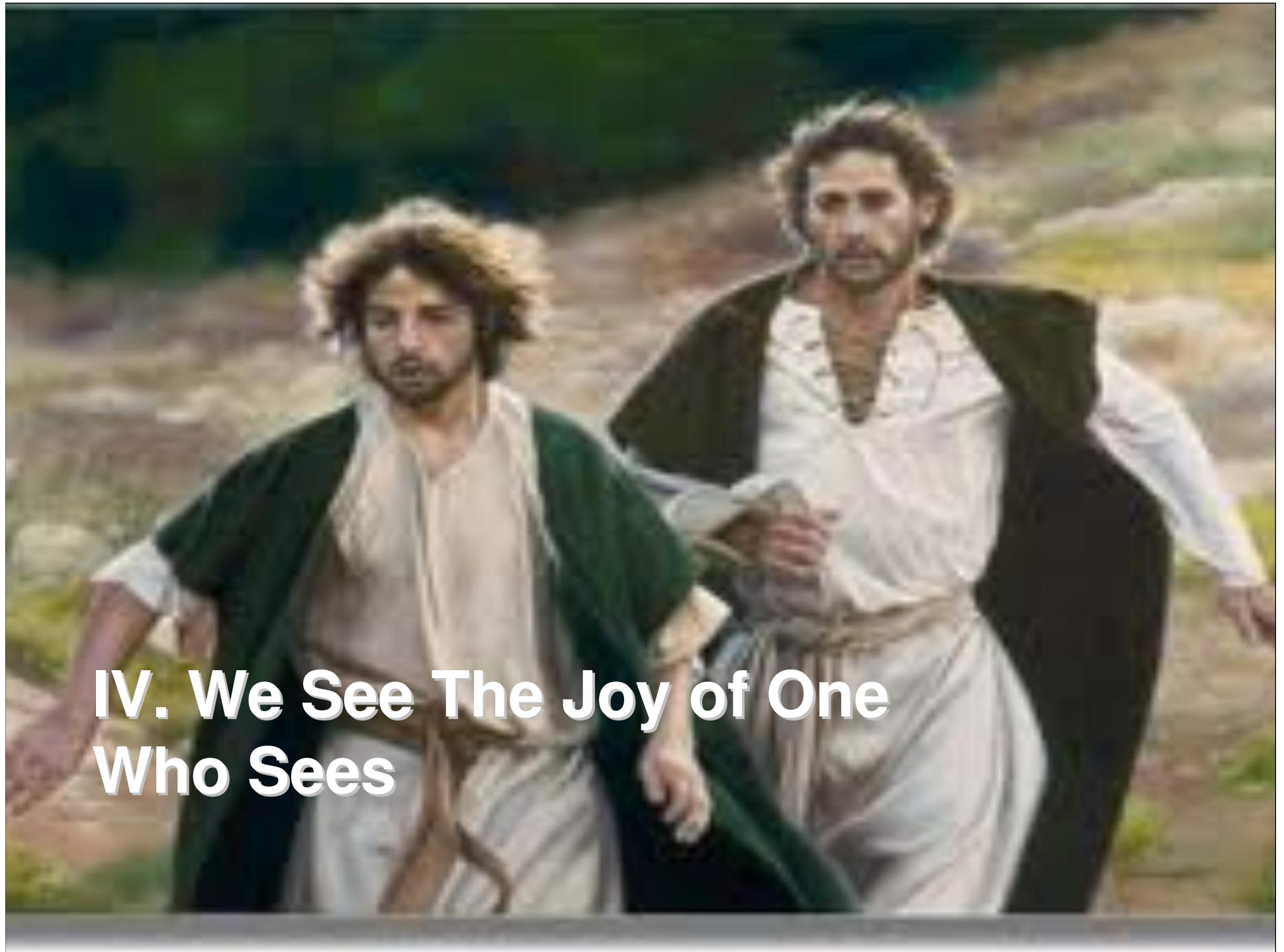
34 They answered and said to him, “**You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?**” And they cast him out. *Jn.9*

- They frequently were condescending when they had no answer *Jn.7:48-49*

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- Fear - His parents were afraid *Jn.9:19-22*

22 His parents said these things **because they feared the Jews**, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.



**IV. We See The Joy of One
Who Sees**

A. Very Few Have Had This Experience

- Imagine seeing the truth for the 1st time

39 Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

Acts 8

- Spiritual sight to the previously spiritually blind is an occasion for great rejoicing

B. Spiritual Sight Is Often A Progression

- **The man's faith in Jesus steadily grew *Jn.9***
 - **(11) *man called Jesus, (17) a prophet, (33) from God, and (38) "Lord, I believe"***
 - **The Samaritan woman's faith grew – a Jew, a prophet, The Messiah! *Jn.4:1-26***
 - **Same concept exists today – some close their eyes while others open them to truth!**

The Choice Is Yours

- Will you be blind to truth? *Matt.13:13-15*
- Will you open your eyes and see?
 - Paul was sent to the gentiles to preach

18 “To open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.” *Acts 26*