

**March 15, 2020 – John 9:1-7; 35-38 Theme: What Work has God done in Your Life?**

***“As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. .... Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.” Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.”***

The danger of COVID-19 is sweeping the globe! Is there anyone here today who has not heard of the Corona Virus? COVID-19? Are there any people in America who have not heard about the Corona Virus? Are there any people in the world who have not heard about the Corona Virus?

[In 1997 – 2003 - The Zambian people had TV sets and radios even in the bush run by batteries.]

The news reporters have gotten across to its listeners the severity and danger of the Corona Virus. I hear about it on every news station and report. It is now a DAILY Report. Even those people who did not take the Corona Virus seriously at first, many if not all are taking it seriously.

Imagine if News Reporters on TV and radio stations reported on a daily basis the danger of SIN and the reality of HELL. Imagine if News Reporters spoke Daily about the need for Jesus as their One and Only Savior from Sin, death and the Devil and the reality of Heaven which Christ won for us on the Cross of Calvary.

How many skeptics do you think would begin to take Heaven / Hell and Salvation in Christ Jesus seriously?

In the text for today, The Pharisees and the Jews who learned that Jesus had healed the Man born blind, they questioned and interrogated The Man who was given his sight. (See Jn. 9:24-28) The Pharisees also threw the blind man out of the temple. (Jn. 9:34)

In this Chapter of John, Jesus clearly pointed out that the Pharisees were the ones who were really blind. Spiritual blindness.

**John 9:41 – Jesus said, If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.”**

It was plain and clear. Jesus healed the Man born Blind. Whenever Jesus performs a Miracle, it is a SIGN. That is the Greek Word for MIRACLE = - shmeion - Miracle / Sign. When you see a stop sign you know you are to stop. When you see Jesus do a Miracle it is a Big Sign shouting out – Jesus is God.

The disciples saw this Blind Man, who was born blind, and they asked the question that others were asking, they simply publicized the question. They asked: **“Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind.”**

Jesus gave the answer: Vs. 3 **Neither this man nor his parents.** There was no punishment taking place for any specific sin. Instead Jesus gives the reason that this man was born blind: **Vs. 3 - This happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.**

That Work of God was that Jesus was revealed as God when He healed the man born blind.

How has God's work been revealed in your life? Every day is a Work of God. The Sun comes up. Our bodies may not always work the way we would like them to, but we are still here today. God has delivered us from hell, by the perfect life of Jesus, by His Perfect Sacrifice on the Cross, and by His Glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday.

And God's Work will be all the more revealed when the Lord Jesus comes on the Last Day to take us and all believers to our heavenly home.

How will God's Work be revealed in this issue concerning the Corona Virus? We pray that many more will come to faith in Jesus as their One and Only Savior from Sin.

God has brought you to the Knowledge of the truth in Christ Your Savior. Because you are a child of God, you also could be one of God's tools to lead others to the Saving Feet of Jesus to Worship Him just as this man who was born blind did.

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

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

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

**Vs. 38 - Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him."**

And so let us worship Christ Jesus, here and now, as we look forward to worshipping Him forever in heaven.  
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