

## ***THE NEED OF THE BLIND IN RELIGION— LIFE'S SIGHT AND LIFE'S SHEPHERDING***

### Message 2

#### **John 9:1-7**

As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> And His disciples asked Him, saying, Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind? <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, Neither has this man sinned nor his parents, but he was born so that the works of God might be manifested in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> While I am in the world, I am the light of the world. <sup>6</sup> When He had said this, He spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed his eyes with the clay, <sup>7</sup> and He said to him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which is interpreted, Sent). He went therefore and washed and came away seeing.

### **I. Born blind**

**John 9:1** As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth.

**2 Cor. 4:4** In whom the god of this age has blinded the thoughts of the unbelievers that the illumination of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, might not shine on them.

**Acts 26:18** To open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light...

#### **A. Blind to our source, destiny, and meaning of our life**

**Eph. 2:12** You were at that time apart from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

#### **B. Blind to the things of God**

**John 3:3** Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

### **II. Receiving sight by the light of life**

**John 9:5** While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

**John 1:4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

#### **A. By Mingling His essence with us by His word of life**

**John 9:6** When He had said this, He spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed his eyes with the clay,

##### **1. Clay signifying humanity**

**Rom. 9:21** Does not the potter have authority over the clay to make out of the same lump one vessel unto honor and another unto dishonor?

##### **2. Spittle signifying His words which are spirit and life**

**Matt. 4:4** He answered and said, It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God."

**John 6:63** It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

## **B. Producing a prevailing ointment—the anointing of the Spirit of life**

**1 John 2:27** As for you, the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone teach you; but as His anointing teaches you concerning all things and is true and is not a lie, and even as it has taught you, abide in Him.

## **C. By obeying the anointing to wash away the old man**

**John 9:7** He said to him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which is interpreted, Sent). He went therefore and washed and came away seeing.

### **1. Signifying baptism as the first step of obedience in a believer's initial salvation**

**Mark 16:16** He who believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he who does not believe shall be condemned.

**Rom. 6:3-4** Are you ignorant that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup> We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.

**Acts 22:16** Why do you delay? Rise up and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on His name.

### **2. Signifying our Daily application of the Washing of Baptism to the self in order to obey the anointing**

#### **a. In the gospel**

**Luke 4:18** "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to announce the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to send away in release those who are oppressed."

#### **a. In prophesying**

**1 Thes. 5:19-20** Do not quench the Spirit; do not despise prophecies.

## **III. Being shepherded out of religion into the corporate enjoyment of Christ**

**John 9:35-38** Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and He found him and said, Do you believe into the Son of God? <sup>36</sup> He answered and said, And who is He, Lord, that I may believe into Him? <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, You have both seen Him, and He is the One speaking with you. <sup>38</sup> And he said, Lord, I believe; and he worshipped Him.

**John 10:1-3** He who does not enter through the door into the sheepfold, but climbs up from somewhere else, he is a thief and a robber; <sup>2</sup> but he who enters through the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

### **A. The sheepfold signifying the law to keep and protect His chosen people**

**Gal. 3:23** Before faith came we were guarded under law, being shut up unto the faith which was to be revealed.

**B. The sheep signifying God's chosen people**

**Psalm 100:3** Know that it is Jehovah who is God; it is He who has made us and not we ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

**C. The door signifying Christ for going in and coming out**

**John 10:9** I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved and shall go in and go out and shall find pasture.

**D. The green pasture signifying Christ as the feeding place for the sheep**

**John 10:10** ...I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly.