John 9 • The Cure, the Controversy, & the Confession

1. (v.1-7) ***The Cure***
   1. The dual meaning for the unsaved:
      1. The unsaved are **blind**.
      2. The unsaved are **begging**.
      3. The unsaved are **hopeless**.
   2. Christ’s approach to save sinners:
      1. Christ comes in **grace**.
      2. Christ **irritates** the sinner.
      3. Christ cures by His **power**.
      4. Christ’s cure **glorifies** God.
      5. Christ’s cure is **noticed** by others.
2. (v.8-34) ***The Controversy***
   1. They attempt to **suppress** the name of Christ.
   2. They try to remain **uninvolved**.
   3. They attack the **divine** part of His incarnation. (“He’s not God.”)
   4. They attack the **earthly** part of His incarnation. (“He’s a sinner.”)
3. (v.35-41) ***The Confession***
   1. It’s a picture of coming out of spiritual darkness into the Light of Christ.
      1. “**The man who is called Jesus**” (v.11)
      2. “**A prophet**” (v.17)
      3. “**a man of God**” (v.31-33)
      4. “**the Son of Man**” (v.35-38)
   2. A Christian is…
      1. …someone who has light in their **heart**. (2 Cor. 4:6)
      2. …someone who **IS** a light to the **world**. (Mt. 5:14)
      3. …someone who **walks** in the Light. (1 Jn. 1:6-7)
      4. …someone who produces the **fruit** of light. (Eph. 5:8-9)
   3. The same Light can either blind or illuminate. It’s a picture of **accepting** or **rejecting** God’s Word.