

J E S U S

I AM the life



I Once Was Blind, But Now I See

John 9:1-11,35-41 (NASB)

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a man blind from birth.

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John 9:6 (NASB)

⁶ When He had said this,
He spat on the ground,
and made clay of the
spittle, and applied the
clay to his eyes,

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John 9:7 (NASB)

⁷ and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came *back* seeing.

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John 9:8 (NASB)

⁸ Therefore the neighbors, and those who previously saw him as a beggar, were saying, "Is not this the one who used to sit and beg?"

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John 9:9 (NASB)

⁹ Others were saying, "This is he," *still* others were saying, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the one."

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John 9:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ So they were saying to him, "How then were your eyes opened?"

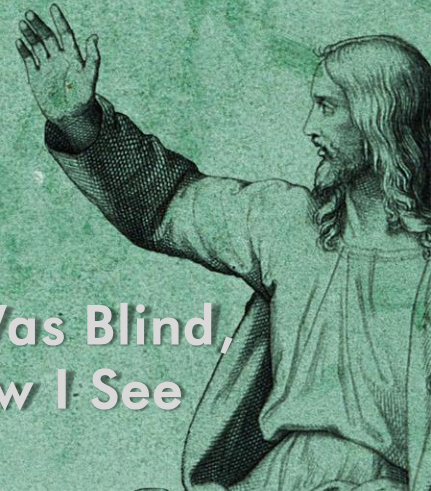
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John 9:11 (NASB)

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John 9:35 (NASB)

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John 9:39 (NASB)

³⁹ And Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind."

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John 9:40 (NASB)

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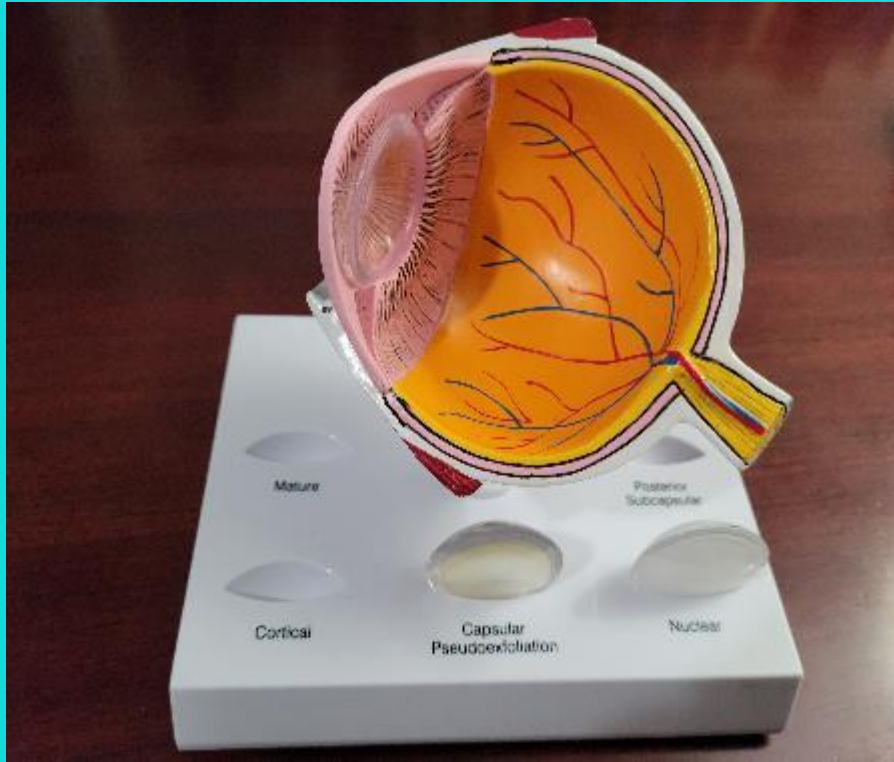
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I. Physically John 9:1-11





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I. Physically John 9:1-11

II. Spiritually John 9:35-41



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Neighbors John 9:8-12

Pharisees John 9:13-17

Parents John 9:18-23

Pharisees John 9:24-34



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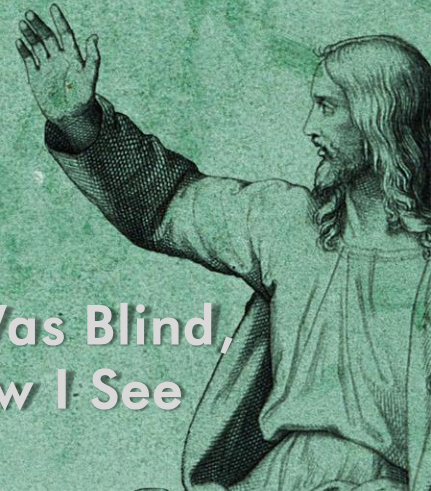
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9 Statements About Healing # 1

Jesus came to heal the whole person.

Healing in the Atonement

Isaiah 53:4-6; Matthew 8:16,17; I Peter 2:24; 3 John 2

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9 Statements About Healing # 2

Not all sickness is due to
being punished for sin.

Job 1 & 2; Luke 13:1-5; John 9:2-3

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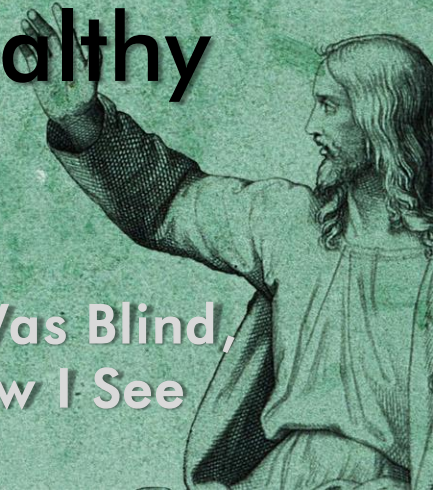
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Jesus did not come to make all people healthy and wealthy physically, but He did come to make all people healthy and wealthy spiritually.

Ephesians 1:3 John 10:10 Matthew 1:21
Luke 4:18,19

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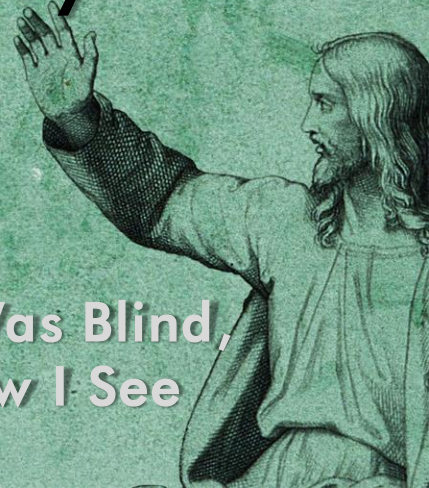
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There is a dynamic link between the spiritual life and the physical body.

We are a whole being, not compartmentalized.
Sin can affect us physically. Deut 28;
Dealing with sin will sometimes bring restoration
physically. Psalm 32:1-11

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9 Statements About Healing # 5

There is no formula for being healed physically.

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9 Statements About Healing # 6

**There are common components for
being healed spiritually.**

Jesus' Name & Presence, the preaching of the Gospel
– (Jesus Christ and the cross, the blood, the
resurrection), repentance confession, body of Christ,
prayer, faith, James 5:13-16

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9 Statements About Healing # 7

In all sickness and suffering, God desires to demonstrate His compassion, power and glory.

Look for Him! Genesis 50:20; Romans 8:28 Matthew 9:35-38 God takes our junk, our tragedies, and transforms them “Our ultimate aim in life is not be healthy, wealthy, prosperous, or problem free.
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9 Statements About Healing

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Our ultimate aim in life is to bring glory to God. So would you start praising God for your “thorns” and limitations and handicaps and suffering and “heat,” asking Him to open your eyes to the opportunity He has given you to display His glory and character in your life?” - Anne Graham Lotz

“Suffering may be someone’s fault or it may not be anyone’s fault. But if given to God, our suffering becomes an opportunity to experience the power of God at work in our lives and give glory to Him.

Would you open your eyes? God has given us THE Answer to human suffering, and His Name is Jesus.”

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9 Statements About Healing # 8

Jesus' kingdom is not of this world.
Though He cares for you physically. He
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spiritually.

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Though He cares for all of your details and life, He is highly concerned for the health of your spiritual life.

John 5:14; 8:11; 9:35-41

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9 Statements About Healing # 9

Healing is clothed with mystery.
God heals, but not all are healed
in this life.

Though the previous statements are true, they can't be placed into a formula. Job asked God over 15 "Why's" in the book of Job, and God never answered all his "Whys." He did reveal Himself to Job and Job's faith deepened and He did heal Job (Job 42). But Job went through great trials, sickness and suffering. And he was the most righteous man on the earth at that time. Job 1 & 2.

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QUESTIONS

1. What idea(s) lie behind the question of the disciples in John 9:2? (Curiosity? Guilt-tripping? A trap? Compassion?)
2. What does Jesus' answer reveal about how He views the man's suffering (Jn 9:3-5)?
3. How are sin and suffering related?
4. What physical or emotional misfortune in your life has turned into an opportunity for God to demonstrate His power?
5. When you hear about another person's misfortune, do you react like the disciples or Jesus? Why?

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QUESTIONS

6. How would you rate your spiritual vision right now?
 - 20/20
 - 20/200
 - legally blind
 - nearsighted
 - farsighted
 - a few blind spots
 - other
7. What could help improve your spiritual vision?
8. "I know I have experienced a change in my life through Jesus Christ because..."

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