

Blessed Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church
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Outreach Outing
Labrador Park
Jesus Healed the Blind

John 9:1-7 (KJV) ¹And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. ²And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? ³Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. ⁴I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. ⁶When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, ⁷And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

The man, blind from birth, was gloriously healed by Jesus. This is an inspiring text for our spiritual strengthening.

Jesus sought him out

Notice that it was Jesus who came to the blind man to effect the miracle. The man was blind and so physically lost that life seemed so desperately hopeless. Can any good be spoken of such a disadvantaged life? Not until Jesus came into his life. The man was re-connected with his Creator. Jesus made his life wholesome from that day onwards. The physical healing is done for our spiritual benefit so that we may acknowledge Jesus as the Giver and Restorer of life. Life came back to him in that he was able, for the first time in his life, to see. Sight is such a glorious gift but the greater gift the man received was to know Jesus and to receive Him as Lord and Saviour.

I recalled reading the biography of Ron Chandran-Dudley (1934-2015) entitled “The Man With A Mission – A Life Well-Lived”. It was given to me by his dear wife Rena during a visitation to her home last year arranged by a close friend of hers. Ron was an only child born into a Ceylonese immigrant family who had to shelve his dreams of becoming a brain surgeon when he found out that he would not be able to see again. He overcame the challenges his disability presented and found love and the drive to fulfil his mission of helping others with disabilities in Singapore and overseas. He testified how he received Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour after he saw a bright light in the corner of his room. He described the incident, “It was there (the light) for I know not how long but as long as I was kneeling in prayer. I felt calmer. With peace in my mind and heart, I went to bed. I was awakened by the warmth of the morning sun shining through my window. To this day, this phenomenon is scorched in my mind and I still hold this experience in awe. This is to me a sign of His everlasting love, protection and guidance in everything I do and everywhere I travelled. Some have asked me: “How did you possibly see the light when you are totally blind?” I reply, “Therein lies the Mystery.””

Jesus Is the Light of the World

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When a man knows Jesus Christ, even if he is blind, Jesus is the Light that guides such a life with strength, meaning and purpose. More than physical healing is the spiritual healing from the ravages of sin in one's life. With spiritual healing comes peace and joy in the heart. No physical ailment can dampen the spirit of a revived soul.

1 John 3:2-3 (KJV) ² *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.* ³ *And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.*

Jesus died for our sins and three days later rose from the dead, victorious over sin and death. The resurrection body has no blemish. When Jesus returns, He creates for us a glorious body like His that is perfect! No disability in this life can take away the hope of the eternal life to come when we meet Jesus at His return. This gives the Christian the strength to live life and be that, a holy life!

1 John 3:4-6 (KJV) ⁴ *Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.* ⁵ *And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.* ⁶ *Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.*

Jesus Heals

⁶ *When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,* ⁷ *And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.*

The process of healing was elaborate. The man understood that Jesus was the man who healed him. He felt the clay on his eyes mixed with Jesus' spittle! He was able to make his way to a washing pool as instructed by Jesus to wash away the mud on his face. And lo and behold, he came seeing. Imagine the joy in the heart of this man. Indescribable! Jesus gave him eternal life that day. This is the crux of the miracle that all men may come and receive Jesus. Amen.

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耶稣治好瞎眼的

约翰福音 9：1-7¹ 耶稣过去的时候，看见一个人生来是瞎眼的。² 门徒问耶稣说：拉比，这人生来是瞎眼的，是谁犯了罪？是这人呢？是他父母呢？³ 耶稣回答说：也不是这人犯了罪，也不是他父母犯了罪，是要在他身上显出神的作为来。⁴ 趁着白日，我们必须做那差我来者的工；黑夜将到，就没有人能做工了。⁵ 我在世上的时候，是世上的光。⁶ 耶稣说了这话，就吐唾沫在地上，用唾沫和泥抹在瞎子的眼睛上，⁷ 对他说：你往西罗亚池子里去洗（西罗亚翻出来就是奉差遣）。他去一洗，回头就看见了。那生来瞎眼的人，光荣地被耶稣医治。这是一段加强我们灵命的经文。

耶稣寻找他

我们应当留意，是耶稣寻找那瞎眼的人，使神迹发生。那人失明，觉得迷失生命的方向，感到绝望。我们能够在这弱势的生活中看到什么好处吗？我们不能，直到耶稣来到他的生命中。这人与他的创造者重新建立关系。从那天起，耶稣使他的生命完全。这肉身的医治造就了我们的灵命，使我们认定耶稣是给予和恢复生命的。因为这是他人生中第一次看见，他也重新得着生命。视力是一个多么美好的礼物，但比这个更好的礼物是认识耶稣，接受祂为救主。

我想到之前阅读罗恩·占德兰·杜理（Ron Chandran-Dudley）（1934-2015）名为《那有使命的人——一个充实的人生》的传记。这是经由他妻子的好友的安排下，在去年探访他家时，他的妻子给我的传记。罗恩是一个斯里兰卡移民的后代，是家里的独子。在发现他再也看不见时，不得不放弃做脑外科医生的梦想。他克服了他视力上的障碍，找到热情和使命感，帮助在新加坡和海外的残疾人士。他作见证，说他在他的房间的角落看到了光芒后，接受了耶稣为他的个人救主。他形容此事：“我不知道那道光出现了多久，它可能在我祷告的同时就出现了。我过后觉得情绪比较安稳。当我内心和脑中有平安，我便去睡觉。早晨，我被透过窗子照进来温暖的阳光唤醒。至今，这现象还深深地烙印在我脑海，我依然对这件事印象深刻。对我来说，这说明了祂永恒的爱，在我做的每一件事和去的每一个地方保护和指引我。有些人曾问我：‘你在失明中如何看见光？’我回答他们：‘这其中必有奥秘。’”

耶稣是世上的光

约翰福音 9：4-5⁴ 趁着白日，我们必须做那差我来者的工；黑夜将到，就没有人能做工了。⁵ 我在世上的时候，是世上的光。

当一个人认识耶稣基督，就算他是失明的，耶稣是那指引他生命的光。赐给他力量与生命的意义。比肉身得医治更好的，是心灵的医治，使人脱离罪恶的捆绑。当心灵得着医治，内心的平安和喜乐也随即而来。没有任何肉身的痛苦可以使一个复兴的灵魂感到挫伤。

约翰一书 3 : 2-3 ² 亲爱的弟兄阿，我们现在是神的儿女，将来如何，还未显明；但我们知道，主若显现，我们必要像他、因为必得见他的真体。³ 凡向他有这指望的，就洗净自己，像他洁净一样。

耶稣为我们的罪死，在三天后复活，胜过罪恶和死亡。复活的身体是无瑕疵的。当耶稣再来时，祂将为我们创下一个荣耀的身体，就像祂的身体一样完全！在这世上没有任何残疾可以夺走我们在耶稣再来时所带来永恒的盼望。这次给基督徒过圣洁生活的力量！

约翰一书 3 : 4-6 ⁴ 凡犯罪的，就是违背律法；违背律法就是罪。⁵ 你们知道主曾显现，是要除掉人的罪；在他并没有罪。⁶ 凡住在他里面的，就不犯罪；凡犯罪的，是未曾看见他，也未曾认识他。

医治的过程是缜密的，那人明白医治他的是耶稣，他感觉到混合耶稣唾沫的土涂在他的眼睛！他能够走到耶稣所指定的池子洗去他脸上的泥土。看啊，他看得见了。试着想象他内心的喜乐！耶稣在那日赐给他永生。这就是这神迹的关键，为要使人归向耶稣，接受耶稣为救主。阿们。