



# **"I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!"**

## **John Chapter 9**

~ **In Chapter 9 JESUS will LIGHT our way in four steps:**

> **Light way #1 - His Light Brings REVELATION! (v1-5)**

> **Light way #2 - His Light Brings SIGHT! (v6-12)**

> **Light way #3 - His Light Brings SALVATION! (v13-34)**

> **Light way #4 - His Light Finds YOU! (v35-41)**

> **Light way #1 - His Light Brings REVELATION! (v1-5)**

- **Revelation in regard to disease / disabilities (four thoughts):**

(1) There was and still is the pagan belief of reincarnation, which states that this congenital disease could be the result of sins committed during a former existence.

(2) Heredity, the sins of the fathers are visited upon the children to the third and fourth generations (Exodus 20:5).

(3) Jewish rabbis believed that a child in the womb could sin.

(4) The belief that the sin of Adam was passed to each member of the human family so that all are subject to death and disease.

- Jesus reveals the answer, *"that the works of God should be revealed in him."* In Psalms 146:8 - *The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD raises those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.* This is a revelation of who Jesus is, the Son of God, incarnate.

- **Jesus declared, "I AM the light of the world" – "Light," figuratively used, has to do preeminently with spiritual life, also including the illumination that floods all the faculties of the soul: intellect, conscience, reason, and will.**

- **In the moral realm the enlightenment of these faculties is dependent on the renewal of the spirit. However, light and life go together. It is the product of salvation: "Yahweh is my light and my salvation" (Psalms 27:1). "In thy light .... we see light" (Psalms 36:9); "The life was the light of men" (John 1:4); Psalms 119:130 - "The opening of thy words giveth light."**

> Light way #2 - His Light Brings SIGHT! (v6-12)

(v6-12) Jesus creates light for a man who has lived in darkness his whole life; Jesus creates sight for a man born blind; Jesus creates eyes from clay, just as man was created from the dust of the earth and received the breath of life!

- Jesus is the CREATOR! - Colossians 1:15-16 - *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.*

> Light way #3 - His Light Brings SALVATION! (v13-34)

The Beggar's Resolution

vs.

The Religious Devil-ution

(v11) Jesus the man,

(v16) Jesus the man,

(v17) Jesus the Prophet,

(v24) Jesus the sinner,

(v36-37) Jesus the Lord,

(v29) Jesus the unknown,

(v38) Let us worship Him!

(Ch. 10:20) Jesus has a demon and is mad!

> Light way #4 - His Light Finds YOU! (v35-41)

(v35a) Jesus finds Him! (Jesus FOUND YOU, because He LOVES YOU!)

(v35b) QUESTION: "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

- Believe is pisteuo (Gk.) to have faith (in, upon, or with respect to, a person or thing), to entrust (especially one's spiritual well-being to Christ).

(v36-38) RESPONSE: The beggar calls Jesus "Lord" (Gk.) *kurios*, which is to say you are *supreme in authority*. The beggar said, "I believe" (*pisteuo*); and he WORSHIPPED HIM!

- The word "worship" is *proskuneo* (Gk.) "to make obeisance, do reverence to" (from *pros*, "towards," and *kuneo*, "to kiss"), is the most frequent word rendered "to worship."

- Worship is an act of homage or reverence:

(a) to God, e. g., Matthew 4:10; John 4:21-24; 1 Corinthians 14:25; Revelation 4:10; 5:14; 7:11; 11:16; 19:10 (second part) and 22:9;

(b) and to Christ, e. g., Matthew 2:2,8,11; 8:2; 9:18; 14:33; 15:25; 20:20; 28:9,17; John 9:38; Hebrews 1:6.

- There is a time of FALSE WORSHIP given to the Dragon, by men, Revelation 13:4; (e) to the Beast, his human instrument, Revelation 13:4,8,12; 14:9,11;

(f) the image of the Beast, Revelation 13:15; 14:11; 16:2;

(g) to demons, Revelation 9:20

(h) to idols, Acts 7:43.

- **INSIGHT:** Peter and Paul rejected the worship of man in Acts 10:25-26; Acts 14:11-15; also angels rejected worship in Revelation 19:10, yet the Pope receives worship by being called "Holy Father" (Jesus said in Matthew 23:6 - *Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.* And in Matthew 6:9 - In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.) and "Vicar of Christ" (*noun - Roman Catholic Church meaning the pope, with reference to his claim to stand in the place of Jesus Christ and possess His authority in the church.*)

- Jesus received worship because He must be worshipped, He is the second person of the trinity, God incarnate, the Son of God, Immanuel - Matthew 1:23 - *"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."*

- Remember doubting Thomas in John 20:28-29 - *And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*

(v39-41) Jesus said, "*For judgment I have come into this world,*" but what about John 3:16-17 is this a contradiction.

Warren Wiersbe writes, "The reason for our Lord's coming was salvation, but the result of His coming was condemnation of those who would not believe." Do you believe? Are you saved? Do you see?