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Divine Cure for Spiritual Blindness

Blindness is a serious debilitating illness. It was estimated that there were about 43 million blind people in the world in 2025 and about 40,000 In Singapore. It is terrible not to be able to see. Some eye diseases are curable, and some are not. It is bad enough to be myopic but

worse not be able to see at all with the incurable affliction of the eyes. The medical field of Ophthalmology has advanced so much these years that many with eye diseases have received sight after surgery and medical treatment.

In the first century, blindness was not uncommon and a full cure was rare. Most blind people were resigned to their fate. Remember the blind Bartimaeus in Mark 10:46–52, the blind man in John 9 and others.

Our Lord Jesus was committed to the needy including the deaf, the blind and the sick. In John 5, He was at the pool of Bethesda, and He healed a certain man who had an illness for 38 years. Where human problems and pains abound, God's sovereign grace and mercy also abound. Mercy overcame misery at the cross where Jesus cared enough to die for His people (Psa 85:10).

Our Lord Jesus is fully God and fully Man and He can heal blindness among other diseases. **Blindness is a good picture of the spiritual condition of the unsaved. All men without Christ are blind to the truth of saving grace and to the faith in God. They have intellectual light in their hands but not spiritual light in their hearts. Those without Jesus are living in spiritual darkness without hope and everlasting life.**

John Newton, a former slave trader was miraculously saved, and he composed the famous hymn "Amazing Grace," said of his salvation, "*I once...was blind, but now I see.*" How true this is for every one of us who is truly saved by the grace of God. The Bible says that we are blinded by the evil one from seeing the truth of the gospel (2Cor 4:3, 4)



In this incident of two blind men seeking Christ, we will prayerfully consider these four thoughts together:

1. Blind Men Looking for Jesus

Consider this verse: Matt 9:27 *“And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.”*

Firstly, note they were earnest and sincere. They came “crying” with a sincere and humble spirit. Sad to say that many unsaved people are indifferent to their grave need of God. I once shared with a man that Jesus Christ had died to pay for our sins because we are all born in sin, he said, *“I don’t need anybody to do anything for me. I can save myself!”* The man seemed so self-confident. Indifference or presumption are the main problems of the church, and in either case, both can lead to the damnation of the sinner. But there was no indifference or presumption on the part of these two seekers. They were sincere and fervent, and they were serious and committed.



Secondly, they were unyielding and persevering. For in verse 27 says, *“Two blind men followed him.”* they did not give up, and they continued to follow Him. The Bible continues in verse 28, *“And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him.”*

Dr. Curtis noted that it was not easy for two blind men to follow anyone. They might have asked others which way He went. And sometimes He would almost get away from them. It must have been frustrating for two blind men to follow Jesus. But they were persistent and they would not give up! Being blind, they kept their ears open for every sound so as not to lose Him. If only unsaved men were as persistent today in seeking Jesus!

Not only were they fervent and importunate, but, **thirdly, they had a definite objective in prayer.** They knew what they wanted. They wanted their sight. Too many blind souls do not know their true desperate condition. We need to humbly seek God and say *“I am a sinner. I believe and I trust in Christ as my personal Lord and Saviour.”*

These blind men had a clear purpose in their prayer. When the unsaved man comes to Christ for salvation, his prayer must be one of confession and repentance of sin, and it must be directed to Christ.

They also admitted and confessed their own sinfulness. They cried out, *“Thou son of David, have mercy on us.”* They were asking for divine mercy for their sins. If sinners received justice, we would be in Hell for we are all guilty. There were no excuses given by the two blind men.

When we come to Christ for salvation, we must approach Him as guilty sinners. Nobody will receive divine pardon until he recognizes his sinfulness and depravity. Rom 3:12 says, *‘They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.’* Jesus Christ came to save

sinners, and, if we want be saved and go to Heaven, we must acknowledge that we are fallen sinners and we need to believe and trust Christ alone as our personal Lord and Saviour.

2. A Relevant Question on Faith and Belief

"Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this?" vs.28.

His question concerned the genuineness of their faith. He was not so much concerned with their reputation or their wealth. His question was: *"Believe ye that I am able to do this?"*

No one is ever saved because he or she promises to do better. We are saved because Jesus Christ came and **He died for us and when we trust in Jesus Christ as our Saviour and when we acknowledge that we are desperate sinners in deep trouble and in great need of divine help.**

True faith is given by God and has a divine element. Faith itself does not and cannot save us, only Christ who can save us from our eternal condemnation. It is an attitude of the soul through which Jesus saves and not we ourselves.

If you say, *"I do not have enough faith to be saved."* The answer is simple, *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved"* (Acts 16:31). That is all you need to do and it is to believe and repent of your sins as well.

You can have a little faith and put it in a great God and Saviour. It is not the degree of faith but the Object of faith that makes faith important. Take whatever little faith you have and put it in Christ, and forsake your sins, self and the world and you shall be saved.

The all-important question concerned their faith in the deity of Jesus. *"Believe ye that I am able to do this?"* The question was not: *"Believe that you are able to save yourselves?"* or, *"Believe is that you are able to live up to a certain set of rules which will produce your salvation?"* nor *"Believe the church or the sacraments that they are able to save you?"* The question was: *"Believe Christ that He is able to do this?"*



Christ is the only Mediator between God and men (1Tim 2:5). Acts 4:12 says, *'Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.'*

Believe in the Lord and thou should be saved. 1Jn 5:12, 13 say, *"if we believe in the Son of God we can have eternal life."*

The person who is trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation has everlasting life. The one who is trusting in anything other than Jesus Christ, no matter how good the thing may be, *“shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”*

The key question is: “Do you believe that Christ is God and that He is able to save you today?”

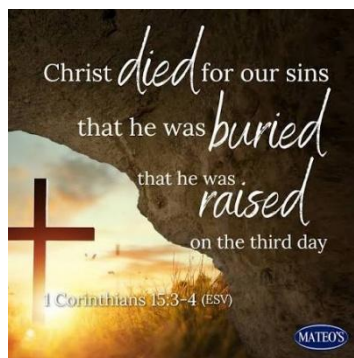
3. Passing the Spiritual Test

“Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.” Matt 9:28.

Do you believe that Jesus Christ died and he rose from the dead the third day and is able to save you?

Will you say to Christ, *“Have mercy on me and cleanse me from all my sins.”* There was no delay or the making of excuses. There was no putting it off until tomorrow or next week or next year. Today is the day for salvation. 2 Cor 6:2 says, behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)’ Consider a man who is on death row in Singapore for drugs trafficking and is awaiting a death sentence and imminent execution

appealing for a presidential pardon as his only way out. If the man was offered a pardon from the president, he would be so grateful and would accept it immediately. When Jesus Christ offers to save those who would trust Him, they did not begin to make excuses as to why they should not have a pardon and be justified and given eternal life but they responded quickly. **The answer of the blind men was heartfelt and necessary to receive the divine gift of eternal life.**



4. The Divine Cure of Souls

Then we noted that the Lord touched their eyes, and he says, *“According to your faith be it unto you.”* *“And their eyes were opened.”* vs. 29, 30. The Lord’s response was caring and immediate: *“He touched their eyes And their eyes were opened.”*

The moment a man trusts Jesus Christ as his or her Saviour, acknowledging his sinfulness, his spiritual eyes will be opened, and his sins are washed away, and he is justified and he has everlasting life. Rom 5:18 says we are justified by faith in Christ. The believer did not have to do good works or to meet other conditions.

Everlasting life is free if we repent of our sins and receive Christ as our Saviour and Lord. Isa 55: 7-8 says, “let us forsake sin and seek God.”

Salvation is rich and free and complete in the Lord alone and not on one’s merits or good works for there are none.

The God-given faith in the two blind men caused them to believe in Christ and by the amazing mercy and grace of God, they were spiritually and physically healed. Trusting and accepting Jesus Christ for salvation and not works or self, we are

purged, cleansed, washed and justified and everlasting life is ours the moment we believe with sincere and contrite hearts.

Conclusion

Don't live in spiritual blindness today for there is a cure for it If you have not trusted nor believed in Jesus Christ as your personal Lord Saviour and repent of your sins, if you have not heard or known what is true salvation, there is peace, joy, hope and everlasting life in Jesus, do it today while there is yet opportunity. He is able now to save you like these blind men. **Would you also tell the Lord, "I believe you Lord Jesus as my God and save me from my blindness?"**

Nothing is impossible with God, the only true Saviour of souls.

Jack Sin



Goshen BP Church

Pray for the ministry and growth of the newly constituted Goshen BPC as they reached out to the residents in Hougang and beyond under Rev Eric Tay.



Brief Testimony on Attaining the Master of Arts in Christian Studies & Master of Divinity

I give thanks to the Lord for enabling me to attain the Master of Arts in Christian Studies and the Master of Divinity. This journey was not something I originally expected to undertake. After completing my Diplomas in Theology from the Far Eastern Bible College and the London Reformed Baptist Seminary in 2023, I had thought that I would likely not pursue further formal theological studies. At that point, I did not see a clear avenue to continue studying at a higher level without entering full-time pastoral ministry or relocating in ways that were not practical for me.

However, the Lord graciously opened a door through my pastor, Rev. Jack Sin of Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church, who introduced me to ThirdMill Seminary and was my mentor (we were also using the materials for the Chinese Fellowship). I was thankful to discover that it provided a serious and structured theological programme that could be pursued while I continued in my existing academic, professional, and ministry responsibilities. This was a great encouragement to me, because I had long desired to deepen my theological foundations, especially in biblical interpretation, Old Testament studies, apologetics, and the relationship between doctrine and practice.

Throughout the programme, I found myself stretched intellectually, spiritually, and devotionally. **The studies required me not merely to gather theological information, but to examine Scripture more carefully, think more “covenantally”, and apply biblical truth more faithfully. I became more conscious that sound doctrine should lead to worship, repentance, humility, and service. In particular, I grew in my appreciation of the unity of Scripture, the importance of redemptive history, and the centrality of Christ in all biblical interpretation.** The courses helped refine my understanding of biblical theology, systematic theology, church ministry, spiritual formation, and pastoral application.

The Master of Divinity, in particular, strengthened my conviction that theological study must not remain academic only. **It must shape how I teach, write, counsel, evangelize, and defend the faith. I was reminded that “the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom” and that true knowledge must be joined with reverence, obedience, and love for God.** The spiritual formation components also helped me reflect more personally on prayer, fellowship, worship, Scripture meditation, repentance, and perseverance in Christian service.

I am also grateful that the Lord allowed some of my coursework and thesis-related writings to bear fruit beyond the classroom. At least two of my thesis works during the courses were later published, one on the Creation.com website and another in the Journal of Inductive Biblical Studies. This was an encouragement to me because it showed that theological study can serve both the Church and the wider Christian academic community. **It also**



confirmed my burden to continue writing and teaching in ways that uphold biblical authority, strengthen believers, and engage contemporary challenges to the Christian faith.



Attaining both the Master of Arts in Christian Studies and the Master of Divinity is therefore not merely an academic milestone for me. It is a testimony of God's providence and grace. The Lord provided the opportunity when I did not expect it, sustained me through the demands of study, and used the process to deepen my convictions and sharpen my vocation.

I now see these studies as part of God's preparation for future service, especially in biblical teaching, apologetics, creation ministry, and theological writing. My desire is that the knowledge gained would not make me proud, but more faithful; not merely more informed, but more useful to Christ and His Church. Just as the graduation ceremony had all the faculty emphasizing that the downside of any academic certifications would puff us up, and that we must remain humble and teachable, I pray that the Lord will continue to sanctify my mind, heart, and hands, so that whatever I have learned may be offered back to Him in humble service.

Dr Samuel Gan



**Saturday
17 Oct 2026**

A poster for the "Reformation Seminar" by Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church. The background is a sepia-toned illustration of a church interior with people seated in pews. The text on the poster includes: "SOVEREIGN HOPE bible presbyterian church", "Reformation Seminar", "17 Oct 2026, SATURDAY 3:00 PM", "THE THEOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE NICENE CREED.", "DR JACK SIN", "WHY IS THE AD 325 NICENE CREED SUCH AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT FOR THE EARLY CHURCH?", "COME AND FIND OUT ALL ARE WELCOME.", "THOSE INTERESTED, REGISTER WITH ELD YUE KAY AT 97450311 BY 6 OCT 2026", and "VENUE: 160, PAYA LEBAR RD, #04-06, ORION @ PAYA LEBAR RD, S 409022". There is also an image of a scroll titled "THE NICENE CREED" with text from the creed.

Memory Verse

1John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! If you are here for the first time, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave. Those who share the church vision to acquire a place of worship in due time, may designate your offerings to the SHBPC Church Building Fund.
2. Pastor brings us God's Word this Gospel Sunday morning on "***Living Life with the Son, not just under the Sun [1Jn 1:1-10]***",
3. Next Sunday, Pastor will preach on "***Call to Remembrance & Courage (2Tim 1:1-7)***", commencing a quarterly series on "***Apostolic Admonitions for Finishing Well in Life - the Epistle of 2 Timothy***".
4. Sunday School classes after the worship service are:
 - Walk Thru the Old Testament (Pastor)
 - Studies in Revelation (Dr Kwong Leen)
5. Chinese Fellowship meets every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom. [Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode: 218178]. Join us for time of learning on the Book of Hosea (Thirdmill video lessons) and Heroes of the Faith (messages).
6. **Reformation Seminar on Sat 17 Oct 2026, 3pm on "*The Theological Significance & Implications of the Nicene Creed*" by Pastor Jack.** See details on page 7. Come and learn! Invite a friend or family member too!
7. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church. [Zoom ID:863 7527 5431 Passcode: 625551].
8. Pray for:
 - **Reformation Seminar on Sat 17 Oct.**
 - **Myanmar Mission Trip Preparations [10-17 Nov]** – Pastor, Angie, Dn Paul, Deborah
 - **Medical: Simon** [continued recovery at home], **Kin Hoong's daughter Joyce** [chemotherapy], **Ps Babu's father-in-law** [treatment options for pancreatic cancer]
 - **Joseph & Rachel:** Gospel Peace Station and void deck outreaches
 - **Lily Almon** [citizenship application]
 - **Church Building Fund**
9. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
 - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church**
 - **Fund transfer** to Church UOB Account **392-308-825-1**
 - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**

Kindly indicate "**Church Building Fund**" if you would like to designate towards this cause.