

# **“Blindness”**

## **John 9:1-5**

### Introduction

- I. Sometimes mankind is unwilling to see what is right in front of them.
- II. By their own choosing, they become blind to certain things.
- III. Jesus used the healing of actual blind man to expose the spiritual blindness that some have.

### Discussion

- I. Jesus literally healed a man who was blind (John 9:1-12).
  - A. Physical ailments are not always because of sin.
  - B. God used this man's blindness to show His great power.
  - C. By hearing and obeying the words of Jesus, the blind man was healed.
- II. The healing of the man caused much thought and discussion.
  - A. The former blind man contemplated what had happened (John 9:13-17; cf. John 7:30-31).
  - B. The man's parents were put in a position where they needed to choose a side (John 9:18-23).
  - C. The Pharisees had to come to a decision about Jesus and His ministry [would they remain “blind”, or would they open their eyes and see?] (John 9:24-34).
- III. Jesus acknowledges His identity (John 9:35-41).
  - A. The former blind man was blessed to be in the presence of Deity.
  - B. The former blind man could easily see the truth of Jesus, while the Pharisees and others refused to see what was right in front of them.
  - C. We have the ability to “see” the evidence in God's Word [are we blind?].

### Conclusion

- I. Let us make sure that our eyes are open wide.
- II. We should never allow ourselves to be blind spiritually.