

Good News and Bad News

John 9:35-41 (NKJV)

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Introduction

1 Peter 2:6-8

⁶Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." ⁷Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," ⁸and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

What is the good news? Jesus is good news because He opens their blind eyes and gives them eternal life.

What is the bad news? Jesus is bad news because they reject His gift of sight, and they will face eternal judgment.

The Bible is clear; Jesus always divides people into one of two sides:

- Those who believe in Him for salvation receive eternal life.
- Those who reject Him are hardened in unbelief and face eventual eternal punishment.

Matthew 25:46

And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

The Bible does not teach a third side. So, be very careful how you respond to Jesus!

When Jesus healed the blind man during the Sabbath (vv. 1-12)

v. 11 - He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight."

This miracle had caused division among the Pharisees:

v. 16 - Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

They ask the man who were healed but still did not believe:

vv. 17-22 - ¹⁷They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." ¹⁸But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. ¹⁹And they asked them, saying,

"Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself."

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They couldn't refute the reasoning of the blind man, so they threw him out of the temple:

v. 34 - They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

After being cast out, Jesus found the rejected man and asked him a crucial question, "Do you believe in the Son of God?", bringing him to solid faith.

Jesus came to give sight to the spiritually blind and judgment to those who think they see.

v. 39 - And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind."

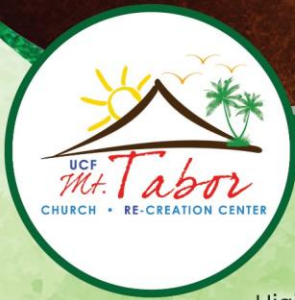
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Pagsibol ng ministeryo

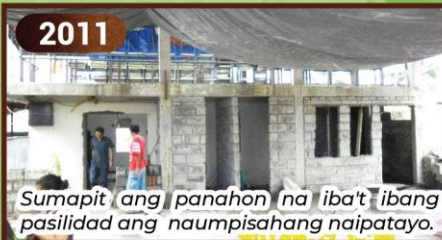


Ang pagsibol ng plano ng Diyos sa Kaniyang ministeryo sa Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center ay tunay na kagila-gilalas. Sa pamamagitan ng buhay ng Kaniyang lingkod na si Rev. Dr. William Sy, ang lupaing ito ay nagiging kagamit-gamit upang ang mga anak ng Diyos ay Kaniyang masumpungan. Sa pagtakbo ng panahon, nasaksihan ng bawat isa ang patuloy nitong paglago. Sapitong hektaryang lupain, ito ay naging lugarkungsaan ng bawat bisita ay nakararanas ng kapahingahan. Maliban sa UCF, binuksan din ang Mt. Tabor sa iba't ibang mgapanambahan at organisasyon upang magdaos ng kanilang mga aktibidad tulad ng seminar, retreat at marami pang iba. Maging ang mga anak ng Diyos mula sa mga karatig na barangay nito ay naabot sa pagtayo ng Mt. Tabor Church. At inaasahan na mas lalawak pa ang ministeryo ng Diyos sa lugar na ito. Higit ang plano Niya at malaki pa ang magiging paggamit sa Mt. Tabor. Purihin ang Ngalan Mo, Panginoon



2007

Nagsimula lamang ang Mt. Tabor, bilang isang bahay pahingahan nina Rev. Dr. Sy.



2011

Sumapit ang panahon na iba't ibang pasilidad ang naumpisahang naipatayo.



2014

Masisilayan ang naging pagbabago at ganda ng Mt. Tabor sa makabago nitong mga pasilidad.



2022

Sa pitong hektaryang lupain, malawakang pagsasagay at konstruksiyon ng kalsada at palitada ang isinagawa para sa mas malawak pang paggamit nito.



2023

Sa taong ito ibinigay ng Panginoon ang Kaniyang plano na maitayo ang ang UCF Mt. Tabor Church kay Rev. Dr. Sy. Natapos ang konstruksiyon sa loob lamang ng apat na buwan. At opisyal na binuksan ito noong Setyembre 2023.



2024-2025

Isang katuparan sa kalooban ng Diyos na matapos ang panambahan at patuloy itong magamit para sa Kaniyang kaluwalhatian.



Taong 2025 naman ng buksan ang bagong paaralan ng UCA sa Mt. Tabor.

Malugod na pagtitipon ng kapatiran

Tulad ng sabi sa Hebreo 10: 25, "Huwag nating kaliligtaan ang pagdalo sa ating mga pagtitipon, gaya ng nakasanayan ng iba. Sa halip, palakasin natin ang loob ng isa't isa, lalo na ngayong nakikita nating malapit na ang Araw ng Panginoon."

Ang ating kapatiran sa UCF Mt. Tabor Church ay tuloy-tuloy na nagtitipon isang beses kada buwan para sa kanilang *fellowship night* na ginanap noong Setyembre 17, Miyerkules. Ito ay upang lalo

pang mapagting ang kanilang relasyon bilang magkakapatid sa Panginoon at magbigay papuri rin sa ating Diyos. Mulang sa mga munting salu-salo hanggang sa pag-awit ng mga papuri, ang puso ng bawat miyembro at manggagawa ay napuno ng galak at masasayang alaala.

Purihin ang Panginoon para sa Kaniyang pagmamahal na naranasan ng bawat isa na kanila ring naipaparanas sa kapatiran!

Salu-salo

Ang kapatiran ay malugod na naghanda ng masasarap na pagkaing kanilang pinagsaluhan. Batid sa kanilang mga ngiti ang galak na makasama ang kapatiran.



Matapos ang kanilang salu-salo ay nagkaroon ng pag-awit ang lahat kung saan ang bawat isa ay umawit ng papuri at pagsamba sa ating Diyos na buhay.

Awitan



GOOD NEWS!



ALLOWANCE FOR SHS STUDENTS

Through the Department of Education (DepEd) Division of Parañaque City Memorandum, all qualified senior high school students residing in Parañaque City who are enrolled in private senior high schools, including United Christian Academy (UCA), under the DepEd SHS Voucher Program will be receiving a financial subsidy.

This allowance will be a great assistance to students to aid them in their educational expenses. Praise the Lord for this opportunity for UCA students!

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Hebrews 12:1
(NKJV)

MT. TABOR UPDATE

Buong pusong paghahanda sa pagdiriwang

Ang katapatan ng Diyos ang patuloy na nanararanasan ng panambahang Kaniyang tinawag. At sa nakalipas na 16 taon, unti-unting ipinalalago ng Diyos ang Kaniyang ministeryo sa UCF Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center.

Sa darating na Setyembre 28 ay gugunitain ng UCF ang ika-16 na anibersaryo nito—16 taon ng kabutihan, pagmamahal at kadakilaan ng Diyos sa Mt. Tabor. Bilang paghahanda sa nalalapit na selebrasyong ito, ang mga manggagawa at mga boluntaryo ay tulong-tulong sa kaliwa't kanang mga preparasyon. Mula sa mga dekorasyon hanggang sa pag-ensayo para sa mga presentasyon, buong puso at galak na nakiisa ang lahat. Tunay na kaabang-abang ang mga inihanda ng kapatiran.

Lahat ng papuri, pasasalamat at pagsamba ay tanging sa Diyos para sa katagumpayan ng pagdiriwang ito!



AVP SHOOT

Para sa mga ipapalabas na audio-visual presentations, ilang mga miyembro at manggagawa ang kinunan ng video upang ibahagi ang kanilang karanasan sa Diyos.



PAG-AYOS NG DEKORASYON

Lalong pinaganda ang kabuuan ng Mt. Tabor Church sa pamamagitan ng bagong LED lights sa entablado at karagdangang mga ilaw sa labas nito. Tulong-tulong din na nilinis at inayos ang grass carpet.



Ang bawat awit at sayaw ay buong puso nilang inaalay sa Panginoon. Kaya naman kaabang-abang ang kanilang mga presentasyon.

PAG-ENSAYO NG PRESENTASYON

Mga espesyal na presentasyon ang inihanda ng bawat fellowship group, Home Bible Church at Home Bible Study na kanilang masiglang pinaguhusayan nang mga nakaraang linggo.



Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV)

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Good News and...

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- The blind see (vv. 35-38)
- The seeing are blind (vv. 39-41)

1. The blind see: Jesus came to give sight to the spiritually blind.

Jesus heard that the Jewish leaders had kicked this man out of the temple (which was a serious matter in that society). His neighbors would have shunned him out of fear of having the religious police target them. Although now the man was physically able to work for the first time in his life, no one would hire a man who had been excommunicated by the religious authorities. Probably many in the marketplace would also refuse to do business with such an outcast.

But when Jesus found him, He asked him the most important question in the world (9:35), "Do you believe in the Son of Man/God?"

A. Jesus seek those who are blind.

"Finding him" (v. 35) implies that Jesus was looking for him.

Luke 19:10

for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

The religious crowd had rejected this poor man. He was an outcast from society. But at that very moment, Jesus went looking for him and brought him to solid faith by asking, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" The former blind man asked (9:36), "Who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?"

Jesus' replied (9:37): "You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you." The man had not yet seen very many people, but now he saw Jesus and he

recognized His voice as that of the man who had healed him. And so he instantly believed in Jesus.

The Bible repeatedly stresses that if you believe in Jesus, it's not because you came up with the idea first and went looking for Him. Rather, God chose you in Him before the foundation of the world.

Ephesians 1:4

just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

Our salvation is: Ephesians 1:6 - to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

If you chose Him by your own free will, then you can share the glory for your salvation. But if He chose you apart from anything meritorious in you, then He gets all the glory.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

²⁶For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. ²⁷But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; ²⁸and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, ²⁹that no flesh should glory in His presence. ³⁰But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— ³¹that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the Lord."

B. Jesus alone has the power to open blind eyes.

As the former blind man pointed out to the Pharisees (vv. 32-33),

"Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing."

As Jesus' dialogue with the Pharisees at the end of this chapter shows, this miracle was also a parable about salvation. Just as opening the eyes of one born blind is something that only God can do, so saving a soul is something that only God can do. It takes His mighty power to impart new life to those who are spiritually dead in their sins.

While to be saved, sinners must believe in Jesus. They cannot believe simply by exercising their own will power. As John 1:12-13 states, "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

Or, to use the blindness and light metaphor (2 Corinthians 4:4,6), Satan "has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

Then, how can we gain spiritual sight? Paul continues, "For God, who said, 'Light shall shine out of darkness,' is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." Just as God's power spoke light into existence, so His power opens blind eyes when He saves a soul.

C. To move from spiritual blindness to sight, admit that you're blind.

The man who was born blind had no problem admitting that he could not see. That was obvious. But the proud Pharisees thought that

they were the only ones in Israel with spiritual sight. They implied this when they railed against the former blind man (v. 34), "You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they imply it in their sarcastic question to Jesus (v. 40), "We are not blind too, are we?" But Jesus replied (v. 41), "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, 'We see,' your sin remains." In other words, if they would have admitted their blindness, Jesus would have healed them by forgiving their sins. But since they insisted that they could see, they remained in their sins.

The main reason that keeps people from gaining spiritual sight is that they refuse to admit that they're blind. They think that they're good enough to qualify for heaven. They won't admit that they're totally blind.

D. To move from spiritual blindness to sight, believe in Jesus for who He is.

Jesus' questioned the formerly blind man: "Do you believe in the Son of Man/God?" You must answer that question, either now or at the judgment. Your eternal destiny hinges on answering that question rightly: "Do you believe in the Son of Man/God?"

- Who is the Son of Man?
- What does it mean to believe in Him?
- Do I believe in Him?

How can you know if your belief is genuine? Since, we've seen several instances in the Book of John where people professed faith in Jesus, but it wasn't genuine saving faith.

E. When you truly believe in Jesus, you gain spiritual sight, confess Jesus as Lord, and bow before Him in worship.

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¹⁵And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

¹⁶He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

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He was blind, but now he saw (v. 25). He testified of Jesus as Lord as best as he knew how to these intimidating Jewish leaders. As I mentioned, the Greek word in John 9:38 should be translated, "Lord, I believe." He confessed Jesus as Lord. And, he bowed before Him in worship.

John 20:28-29

²⁸And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Do you openly confess Jesus as your Lord? Do you bow before Him in worship, not just outwardly, but in spirit and in truth, and not just on Sundays, but all through the week? Those are some of the marks of genuine saving faith.

2. The seeing blind: Jesus came to bring those who think they see without Him to judgment (9:39-41).

While the blind man illustrates those who progress in faith to the point of worship, the Pharisees show us that some regress in unbelief to the point of judgment. Jesus has already warned them that unless they believed in Him, they would die in their sins.

John 8:24

Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not

believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

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A. To be spiritual blind is to insist that you see on your own and thus have no need for the Savior.

1 Peter 5:5b

"God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

When you assert that you see quite well without Jesus, then He will leave you in your blindness. Pride keeps you from grace.

B. To be spiritual blind is to reject the gift of sight that Jesus offers to you.

v. 41 - Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains.

Jesus is saying, "If you would admit your blindness, I would heal you and you would not come into judgment. But your stubborn rejection of Me keeps you in your sins." Rejecting the light that God graciously gives leads to further hardening and judgment.

C. Rejecting spiritual sight is

to be hardened in unbelief that ends in eternal judgment.

If you reject the light that God graciously gives you, He will confirm your rejection and leave you in your blindness.

Matthew 13:10-13

¹⁰And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" ¹¹He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹²For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ¹³Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

Isaiah 6:9-10

⁹And He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' ¹⁰"Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return and be healed."

The way you respond to the question, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" has huge consequences! If you say, "I don't know," or "I don't care," or "I'll think about it later," you're closing your eyes to the light that God is offering you. He is not obligated to give you any more light. If you keep on rejecting His gracious offer of salvation, you may keep on hearing without understanding and keep on seeing

without perceiving. Your heart may grow dull and you may die in your sins, only to face eternal judgment.

Conclusion

Some asked, "How can Jesus say here, 'For judgment I came into this world,' when John 3:17 states, 'For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world would be saved through Him'?"

John 3:18-21

¹⁸"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

Upon hearing the gospel, some allow the light/word to expose their sin and ask Jesus to cleanse them and give them sight. Others hate the light/word because they love their sin. They reject Jesus and come under His judgment.

Your eternal destiny hangs on your response to Jesus' question, "Do you believe in the Son of Man/God?"

Let us altogether say, "Lord, I believe." And fall at His feet in worship!

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