Scripture: John 9 v 1 to 3

"And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him."

Here is an interesting story recorded by John, it concerns the healing of a man who was born blind. A man who had never seen another human bring, had never see a flower, a bird or any other animal.

Looking the words "And as Jesus passed by" where was Jesus at the time of this story?

The Siloam Pool referred to in verse 7 is adjacent to the area in the ancient City of David, which we know is Jerusalem, so we can conclude Jesus was in the vicinity of Jerusalem.

Wherever Jesus went he made a definite impact, situations arise that presented him with the opportunity to minister and work a miracle or healing someone. Jesus went from place to place and in each place, he left evidence that he had been present by doing the Miraculous.

Some points are worth considering here, let's note the fact that.

1. He was born blind.

Imagine the shock to his parents when they discovered he was unable to see, I wonder how many moths old was he when the discovery was made. Probably after consulting a doctor they would have been state of despair when told he could not see and there was no cure.

He grew up being led from place to place by his parents or friends becoming familiar with his surroundings. By the time he met Jesus he was an adult, and had spent most of his life in the dark. On day as Jesus was passing where this man was, the disciples asked him, who did sin this man or his parents that he was born blind, in his reply Jesus said that it was not him, or his parents who were responsible for his blindness.

As the story unfolds it becomes clear that there was a purpose why he was born blind, a purpose his parents knew nothing of and neither did the man himself. Jesus tells us the purpose of his blindness. It was to bring glory to God. We know from the verses of scripture that.

2. He was born with a condition.

His blindness was not hereditary as some sicknesses are, it was not passed on from his parents, they could not be held accountable for his blindness.

There are many hereditary sicknesses, that affects generation after generation, this man's condition could not be attributed to defected genes. This man was born for the purpose of bringing glory to God.

Although this man's condition was nit hereditary, there is a condition that is hereditary that is passed on to every one born into the world, it is the condition of sin in human nature. Romans 3 v 23 says "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Further Romans Romans 5 v 19 also says "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."

This verse is referring to the sin of Adam, when he was created by God from the dust of the earth, he was made perfect and had no sin in His nature whatsoever. Adam's disobedience resulted in sin entering into Adam's nature, this sinful nature has been passed on to all succeeding generations.

Every baby born is born with the condition of sin in their nature, that's why as children grow they show signs of disobedience. All sin because it is in their nature to sin.

How do we change from a condition of unrighteousness to righteousness, because, we are incapable of doing it ourselves. We have to depend totally on the Lord Jesus Christ for he is the only one who can cleanse us from all unrighteousness's and give us righteousness.

The answer lies in being obedient to

3, The Command of Jesus.

In the story of the blind man receiving his sight it is his obedience to the words of Jesus that resulted his healing. We read that Jesus mixed the clay of the earth with his spittle and put it on the blind eyes if the man, Jesus then told him go and wash in the pool of Siloam.

In response to this command of Jesus and washed as he did a miracle took place and he was given eyesight for the first time. He could say in the words of John Newton from Amazing Grace. "I once was blind but now I see". Imagine what this must have been like for him.

He looked at his mother and father and saw what they looked like for the first time, he recognized their voices, now he could see them. he saw the birds and flowers; a whole new world had opened to him. Jesus gave him sight and released him from the darkness.

4. He washed and received his sight.

The blind man took a step of faith when he went to the pool of Siloam and washed his face, cleaning the clay from his eyes, it was when he had washed that he saw, if he had not washed, he would not have, received his sight.

This is important and needs to be taken note of because, if we are to be cleansed from all unrighteousness, we must take a step of faith and submit to what the Lord Jesus says.

When Jesus was washing the disciples' feet, Peter said you will never was my feet, Jesus replies to Peter, if don't wash you, you will have no part with me.

This is key to belonging to the Lord Jesus, unless you are cleansed from your sins and been forgiven, you won't become a Christian.

It doesn't matter how many times church is attended; attendance dies not make you a Christian. A Christian is a follower of The Lord Jesus Christ.

A Christian surrenders to the teaching of Jesus by repenting of sin and accepting that Jesus death on the cross made atonement for our sin.

Romans 10 v 9 says "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Titus 3 v 5 says "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;"

We are not cleansed of our sin by any works we have done, but by the work of Jesus. Jesus is our Lord and saviour.

The blind man received his sight, after he accepted what Jesus told him to do. You can receive spiritual eyesight by accepting Jesus, for your spiritual eyes will be opened and you will see. You will be made alive to the goodness of God and see the greatness of Jesus. The saviour of the world.