

SEE WHAT A BLIND MAN SAW.

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INTRO.:

A. Read the text: Acts 22:6-11.

B. Regarding the text:

1. We are all familiar with Saul of Tarsus.
 - 1) Acts 22:4.
 - 2) Acts 7:58.
2. On the road to Damascus, he was blinded. In his blindness, he came to see several things.
3. Ananias came to him and taught him the gospel of Christ (Acts 9:6).
4. What did the blind man see?

DISCUSSION: THE BLIND MAN SAW...

I. THAT BEING RELIGIOUS WAS NOT ENOUGH!

A. Paul had been a dedicated follower of Judaism.

1. Gal. 1:13-14.
2. Phil. 3:6.

B. The men at Athens were zealous in their worship (Acts 17:22).

C. Many today are zealous of their religious efforts.

1. However, just as we have noted, a person can be worshipping in error (Matt. 15:9).
2. Sincerity alone does not make worship acceptable (John 4:24).

D. Paul saw that being religious was not enough.

II. BEING SINCERE DOES NOT MAKE ONE RIGHT!

A. Paul was very sincere (Acts 26:9-10).

B. He was busy with his beliefs.

C. Sincerity ALONE is not enough (Acts 22:4).

D. Paul learned that being sincere is not enough!

III. THAT HE MUST CHANGE HIS RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.

A. Some drastic changes were necessary.

1. Phil. 3:4-11 - READ.
2. He was zealous in his work against the church. (As was all Jews. Note verse 6).
3. No one can doubt that Paul was true to his religious beliefs.

B. Sadly, many today need to see what the blind man saw.

1. Changes in religion are required if one is to be obedient to the Lord!
 - 1) Sometimes the FAMILY religion must be left behind.
 - 2) That can be a difficult thing to do (Luke 14:26, 33).
2. Those things were not the most important thing to him (Phil. 3:7).

C. Paul saw that he had to change his religious beliefs to be obedient to the Lord.

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. This blind man saw what all sinners must do to be saved.

1. On the road, he came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah (Acts 22:10).
2. Ananias asked him the all-important question (Acts 22:16). “

B. Every person must open their eyes to the gospel truth.

1. Hear the gospel (Rom. 10:17).
2. Believe the gospel (Mark 16:16; Rom. 1:16).
3. Repent (Acts 2:38).
4. Confess that Christ is the Messiah (Rom. 10:9-10).
5. Be immersed for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 22:16).
6. Then be faithful to do the Lord's work (James 2:17).

C. May we all see what a blind man saw.