

Text: John 9:8-41

Title: The End of Spiritual Blindness

The end of Spiritual Blindness Means

1. The Christian is an object of grace (vv. 15-16, 19, 26)

Definition of grace: kindness, blessing or favor that is given but not earned

Cite: Romans 9:30-33

Application: Be humbled

Christopher Ash: Christianity is not about people seeking God and finding him. It is about some people seeking God and not finding him, while others do not seek him but are found by him. If it was all about people seeking God and finding him, the new creation would be a 'prig-sty' full of stuck-up prigs boasting about how sensible they were to seek him, and how clever to have searched so effectively. Instead it will be full of people with looks of amazement on their faces, astonished at the kindness of the Christ who first found them.

2. The Christians is a witness to grace (11, 15, 17, 25, 30-33)

Application: Stick to "The Story"

- Lewis: Imagine a set of people all living in the same building. Half of them think it is a hotel, the other half think it is a prison. Those who think it a hotel might regard it as quite intolerable, and those who thought it was a prison might decide that it was really surprisingly comfortable. So that what seems the ugly doctrine is one that comforts and strengthens you in the end.

3. The Christian witness will always come with a cost (22, 28, 34-35)

Application: Stick with right and proper worship

4. All the costs are worth it (38)

Application: Humbly ask for "sight"