

# What A Blind Man Saw

(Acts 9:1-19)

- Introduction:
1. The Bible speaks of two types of blindness — physical and spiritual.
  2. (Acts 28:26).
  3. It may be the case the Jesus struck Saul of Tarsus blind so that he might learn to see with his heart and understanding.
  4. Whether this was the intent or not — it was the result.
  5. Note some of the things Paul saw while he was blind.

## I. While Blind, He Saw His Ignorance

- A. (1 Timothy 1:13) "...I did it ignorantly in unbelief."
- B. He was like his brethren for which he prayed (Romans 10:3).
- C. Ignorance of God's will is not excusable (Acts 17:30-31).

## II. While Blind, He Saw That He Was A Sinner

- A. (1 Timothy 1:15) I am the chief of sinners.
- B. We all must come to this realization if we want salvation.
- C. (Luke 18:14).

## III. While Blind, He Saw That Sincerity Was Not Sufficient

- A. (Acts 23:1; 26:9) "...lived in all good conscience before God..."
- B. Trusting in your feeling or your conscience is not a safe guide or a guarantee of salvation (Proverbs 28:26; 1 Corinthians 4:4).

## IV. While Blind, He Saw That Coming To God Took More Than Just Prayer

- A. (Acts 22:10) You will be told what you must do.
- B. (Acts 9:11) Paul had been praying.
- C. (Acts 22:16) Paul was told to be baptized for the removal of sins.

## V. While Blind, He Saw That He Could Not Simply Imitate His Ancestors

- A. Note these two points:
  1. Faith is personal — it cannot be inherited.
  2. The religion of your parents is not necessarily worthy of imitation.
- B. We must allow the word of God to be our standard, not the actions or beliefs of others.

- Conclusion:
1. It took physical blindness to enable Paul to see.
  2. It is my prayer that we will all open our eyes as did Paul and see the light!