

CAN YOU SEE WHAT GOD SEES? Sermon Notes G. Fabian 5.07.09

**Hearing, retaining, persevering and producing the fruit of the Word.** The greatest failure may be to be successful in the wrong field. Matthew 6:33 – we prioritise. A prioritised life protects our time, energy, gifts, talents, decisions are easier with Kingdom prioritised in our heart.. lives not Kingdom prioritised will waste time, be busy with the wrong things, major or minors, be pre-occupied, invest in the unimportant, abuse clear gifts and talents and risk forfeiting purpose.

When we walked through the door of salvation – we began to **see** the Kingdom. The roman road; John 3:16; 3:3, Romans 3:23; 6:23; 10:9-10..

J. Johns sowed the thoughts of Christ relating to all: He was a carpenter for the small business man; spoke on vines for the vigneron; fish for the fisherman, weather for the meteorologist, He cured the blind for the optometrist; healed the lame for the podiatrist..

**ACTS 29 We write it as we go – a chapter that won't close until the return of Christ. We are the book of Acts – a continuing writing**

Consider

- Acts 1: for 40 days Christ spoke about the Kingdom of God
- Acts 28:30-31: Paul spoke on the Kingdom of God and of Jesus Christ.. Christ taught us how to walk Kingdom; walk a new realm

Matthew 6:33 **SEEK**

Matthew 13: Word sown **in the heart** – if we don't 'walk' in it, the devil can steal it

Luke 8: same parable of the sower: hear the Word, retain it, persevere in it and produce **its** fruit

**CAN YOU SEE WHAT GOD SEES?** Do I see what I see? 2 Corinthians 4:18 ..'look at the things unseen (eternal)

Prior to salvation, we saw all things all sorts of ways depending on our background, the culture we grew up in, our opinions, 'coloured glasses'

In life there are major choices to make.

Born again: we enter and begin to see the Kingdom. We walk through; salvation comes upon us and we must look at things differently. 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20

Luke 15 the Prodigal Son.. returned to his senses.. (v17) Father was always looking.. He has eyes to see something very different. Our challenge is to walk 'looking at what Father looks at'.

Key text: John 9:1-41 (key verses 35-41)

'Religious' people always work to a standard and demand more; totally self-centred; will deny facts to justify self.. see the story.

Blind man, once he could see, stood up for Jesus. He didn't commend him for this but took on the necessary journey.. with the necessary question 'do you believe in the Son of God?'  
v35

God wants to take each of us further – to have the eyes that look to Father and see what Father sees. The **most important thing** for that man right then was/is salvation – **eyes opened to the kingdom (not just the natural).**

**HE BELIEVED THEN WORSHIPED.**

With the eyes of the Kingdom; you will come to worship (not set on stuff).. Worshiping: bowing down (& kissing); submitted to Him, honouring this, our King.

Only one way (v35) through the Son of God (John 14:6); Acts 4:12

**This man knew he had been healed. Jesus knew He needed to take him further.**

V39 some will 'become' blind See 2 Peter 1.. short-sighted to blindness (near-sighted and blind).. Consider the Romans 1:21 process

**WALK:** seeing what Father sees. We have 'fixed' opinions.. we are called to walk by faith 'fixing our eyes on the author and finisher of our faith' Hebrews 12:2

Psalm 16 **He has made known to me...** the path of **life**