

Title: Seeing Every Man Clearly  
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**Mark 8: 22: And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. 23: And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. 24: And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking. 25: After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.**

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**Proposition:** When God gives spiritual sight the believer sees every man clearly.

**Divisions:** 1. The first man Adam; 2: Our natural man 3: Christ the GodMan; 4: Our new man

## **I. ONE MAN WE ARE MADE TO SEE CLEARLY IS ADAM.**

We see Adam is a representative man and a man fallen into sin and death. If we miss this fact, we will not understand our need of a substitute. We will miss why it is we need for God to come in Christ to accomplish the redemption of his people. Adam is the first man. What Adam does will affect every one that Adam represents. Adam ate—he broke the one law God gave him.

**Romans 5:12: Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (13) (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. (14) Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.**

We see Adam is a fallen, sinful, spiritually dead man. Do you understand that Adam represented all mankind? He is our federal head.

## **II. ANOTHER MAN WE SEE CLEARLY IS OUR NATURAL MAN.**

When the Spirit of God makes us to see Adam as our representative the Spirit makes us to see clearly that we died in Adam.

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Eve conceived a child from Adam, on down the line to you and me. So not only did we fall under the curse judicially because Adam our Federal Head sinned, his corrupt seed was passed on to us so that we are conceived with a corrupt nature.

Psalms 51:5: Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me....[It does not mean that some lewd act took place, it means we were born of Adam's corrupt seed.]

Psalm 58:3: The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

We did not sin to become sinners, we sinned because we are sinners. The heart, the nature, is depraved, wicked, enmity against God.

Jeremiah 17:9: The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?...

Genesis 6: 5: And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

Jeremiah 13:23: Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? *then* may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil...

Job 14:4: Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean? not one.

1 Corinthians 2:14: But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

John 3:3: Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God... 6: That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit....

All who are born of the Spirit and taught of God see the natural man clearly.

Ephesians 2:1-3: And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins:...

So the Spirit first makes us to see the first man Adam clearly. Then seeing him clearly we are made to see our natural man clearly. As we are born the first time, every person is depraved, lost, condemned, without Christ and without hope in this world.

### **III. THE SPIRIT OF GOD MAKES THE CHILD OF GRACE TO SEE CHRIST JESUS THE GODMAN CLEARLY.**

**Romans 5: 14:...**who [Adam] is the figure of him [Christ] that was to come.

The first man, Adam, was made in the image and likeness of the second Man, the Lord Jesus Christ. Adam was a type of Christ in this matter of federal headship and representation but even better for those Christ represented.

**Romans 5:15: But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. 16: And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, [one offence brought us into condemnation] but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. 17: For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) 18: Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; [all who Adam represented—which was all men without exception] even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. [all who Christ represented which are those chosen of God and given to him—the elect of God] 19: For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. 20: Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: 21: That as sin hath reigned unto death, [was sin successful? Did it reign over all men unto death?] even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. [even so the grace of God shall not fail.**

Christ Jesus successfully established everlasting righteousness—and is that righteousness—for all whom he represented by his doing and dying. Each one shall be made eternally alive by the irresistible grace of God.]

He forms Christ in us by his quickening spirit and makes each of his redeemed children to see Christ and to lay hold of him by faith.

1 Corinthians 15:22: For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. [all that redeemed by his own blood]...45: And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit. (46) Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. (47) The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven. (48) As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly. (49) And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

He speaks good news into our hearts.

Colossians 2:9: For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. (10) And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:"

1 Corinthians 1:30: But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: (31) That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord."

Do you see the God-Man clearly? In his incarnation we see Christ is God. In his obedience we see Christ is our holiness. In his death we see Christ is our righteousness. In his resurrection we see Christ is our justification. In his exaltation upon his throne we see Christ is our King. In his place at the Father's right hand we see Christ is our Advocate with the Father. In Christ seated we see that Christ is our completion, the work is finished. Can you rest in him complete? How foolish we would be not to!

#### **IV. THE FOURTH MAN HE MAKES US TO SEE CLEARLY IS THE NEW MAN BORN OF GOD.**

Like as we were born the first time of corruptible seed, being born of Christ the Seed, the Living Word, by this gospel, that new man within us is born of incorruptible seed.

**Ephesians 4:24: And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.**

Colossians 3:10: And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Christ formed in you is, *the hope of glory*.

1 John 3: 9: Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 10: In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother....23: And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. 24: And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

2 Peter 1: 4: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

This new man is a new creature in Christ and all things become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17: Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 18: And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ,...

Now there is a warfare between the flesh and the spirit, the old man and the new man, between the flesh and the Spirit of Christ within us.

Galatians 5:16: This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17: For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18: But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19: Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20: Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21: Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. 22: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23: Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24: And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25: If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

All who have been born of God are one new man in Christ, one with him and one in him, "*the fulness of him that filleth all in all.*"

Colossians 3: 11: Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

For now we see clearly but not perfectly. But in that great eternal day we shall see without the least hindrance of sin. Then we shall see clearly!

Amen!