John 9 • The Cure, the Controversy, & the Confession

1. (v.1-7) ***The Cure***
	1. The dual meaning for the unsaved:
		1. The unsaved are **blind**.
		2. The unsaved are **begging**.
		3. The unsaved are **hopeless**.
	2. Christ’s approach to save sinners:
		1. Christ comes in **grace**.
		2. Christ **irritates** the sinner.
		3. Christ cures by His **power**.
		4. Christ’s cure **glorifies** God.
		5. Christ’s cure is **noticed** by others.
2. (v.8-34) ***The Controversy***
	1. They attempt to **suppress** the name of Christ.
	2. They try to remain **uninvolved**.
	3. They attack the **divine** part of His incarnation. (“He’s not God.”)
	4. They attack the **earthly** part of His incarnation. (“He’s a sinner.”)
3. (v.35-41) ***The Confession***
	1. It’s a picture of coming out of spiritual darkness into the Light of Christ.
		1. “**The man who is called Jesus**” (v.11)
		2. “**A prophet**” (v.17)
		3. “**a man of God**” (v.31-33)
		4. “**the Son of Man**” (v.35-38)
	2. A Christian is…
		1. …someone who has light in their **heart**. (2 Cor. 4:6)
		2. …someone who **IS** a light to the **world**. (Mt. 5:14)
		3. …someone who **walks** in the Light. (1 Jn. 1:6-7)
		4. …someone who produces the **fruit** of light. (Eph. 5:8-9)
	3. The same Light can either blind or illuminate. It’s a picture of **accepting** or **rejecting** God’s Word.