

Christ Came to Provide Sight to the Blind

Isaiah 42:5–9, Isaiah 59:1–4, 8–10 & 2 Corinthians 4:3–6 ▪ December 14, 2025 ▪ Ryan Wildauer

What does it mean to be _____ blind? (Isaiah 59:1–4, 8–10)

What does it mean for Jesus to give us the _____ to see? (2 Corinthians 4:3–6)

How should we _____ to the sight Jesus provides?

Isaiah 42:5–9

⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,

⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.

⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them.” (ESV)

2 Corinthians 4:3–6

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (ESV)

Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions

Open: What do you think it would have been like to live in the time before Christ's incarnation? What do you imagine you would enjoy about living in that time? What could be difficult about holding onto only the prophetic *promises* of a Savior rather than the Gospel testimony of Jesus who *has* come?

Read & Discuss: Isaiah 42:1–9

1. What characteristics are descriptive of the servant of the Lord in verses 1-4? How are those characteristics admirable? How might we emulate those characteristics as Jesus' disciples?
2. Why do you think Jesus might have selected this particular text from Isaiah to announce His purpose in the synagogue in Luke 4:17-21? The Servant's work is to "open the eyes that are blind" and "bring out the prisoners" (v. 7). What does the spiritual blindness (the inability to see ultimate truth) cause people to rely on for hope, meaning, or justice? In contrast, what specific truth (e.g., about God, self, or the future) did you gain when your spiritual eyes were first opened by the Gospel?
3. In verses 8-9, God declares His name and His uniqueness. What is the significance of God declaring, "I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other" (v. 8)? How does God announcing "new things" before they happen (v. 9) reinforce our trust in His promises, including the sending of the Messiah?

Read & Discuss: 2 Corinthians 4:3–6

4. Paul states that the Gospel is "veiled to those who are perishing" because "the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers" (v. 3-4). In your own words, what specific things does Satan attempt to blind us from seeing? What lies of Satan tend to be harder for you to reject?
5. In verses 5-6, Paul shifts the focus. The light that overcomes darkness is the "knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (v. 6). What specific aspects of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection reveal "the glory of God"? How does that glory fill your heart with "overflowing joy"?
6. Paul sees himself as a "jar of clay" carrying the light of the Gospel (2 Corinthians 4:7). What is the greatest confidence or comfort you derive from knowing God chooses to use imperfect people (like Paul and us) to shine His glory? What opportunities exist to point people to the glory of God in Christ during this holiday season that might not normally be present?

Apply: What practical steps can you take this week to "spread the gift of sight" by sharing the light of the Gospel with someone who is spiritually blind?

Pray: Ask that God would open more eyes in our community and among our families and friends. Pray for your own heart to be overflowing with praise as you gaze on the glory of God in the face of Christ.