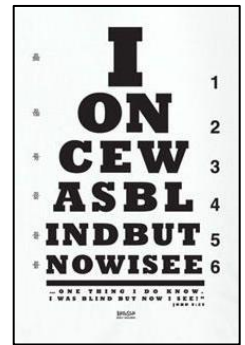




# Spiritual Blindness

**Everybody's Got it!**

## Eye Exam #4



### A DARKNESS-LIGHT SUMMARY

| UNBELIEVER          | CONVERSION | BELIEVER            |
|---------------------|------------|---------------------|
| TOTAL BLINDNESS     |            | PARTIAL BLINDNESS   |
| PERMAMENT BLINDNESS |            | TEMPORARY BLINDNESS |
| DARKNESS (Result)   |            | LIGHT (Response)    |
| HEART OF STONE      |            | HEART OF FLESH      |
| INHERITED           |            | DECISION            |

Based on the studies from Eye Exams 1-3:

1. \_\_Y\_\_N Mankind's existence begins in spiritual darkness.
2. \_\_Y\_\_N The only one who has control over darkness is God.
3. \_\_Y\_\_N If there is NO LIGHT anywhere, then mankind is blind.
4. \_\_Y\_\_N If mankind cannot ever find light, he is permanently blind.
5. \_\_Y\_\_N God is the only Source of Light. He created it.
6. \_\_Y\_\_N In addition to light being physically present, it is also spiritually present.
7. \_\_Y\_\_N If God does not shine the Light on us, we have no light to respond to.
8. \_\_Y\_\_N A person who rejects the Light permanently is a unbeliever.
9. \_\_Y\_\_N A person who responds to and accepts the Light is a believer.
10. \_\_Y\_\_N Mankind inherited darkness but he can choose to have Light.

**Ezekiel 11:19**

**God said that He would give man one heart and put a new spirit in him, and take the stony heart (dead-hard) out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh (alive-soft) SO THAT we can be family.**

**2 Cor. 5:17**

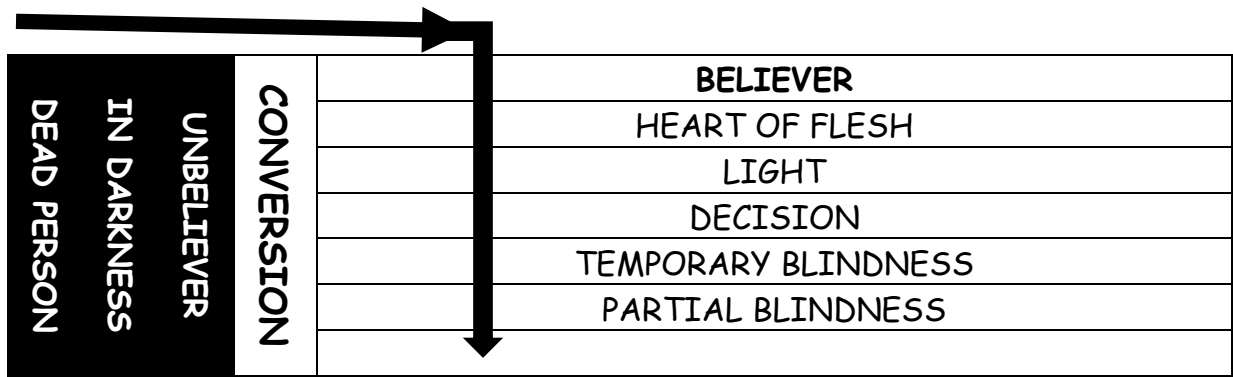
**If anyone comes to Christ, he is a new creation; the old ways are dead and the new ways are alive.**

**John 3:6**

**That which is born of the flesh is flesh (not connected to God); and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit (can be connected to God). You must be born again.**

1. It is obvious that God expects man to change from one condition to another.
  - a. What is the change in Eze. 11:19? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What is the change in 2 Cor. 5:17? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. What is the change in John 3:6? \_\_\_\_\_

**When a person becomes a Christian (accept God's light & God's forgiveness of sins), he/she becomes a new man with a new heart with no more darkness and blindness with the Light of the world living within him. We are still human with God continually working on us.**



*An unbeliever is simply someone who has not accepted Jesus Christ as his/her personal **Savior** from sin's penalty, from being dead toward God, from mankind's inherited darkness.*

**Romans 6:23**  
**Romans 3:23**  
**Ephesians 2:4-5**

**For the penalty of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life because Jesus forgave us. All have sinned (inherited) and fallen short of the holiness & expectations of God. But God, Who is rich in mercy, because of His great love for us, even when we were dead in inherited sin, [let us see God's Light] made us alive in Jesus Christ.**

1.   Y  N Does a dead unbeliever in darkness personally know God without "help"?
2.   Y  N Could that "help" be someone inviting me to a church service or Bible study?
3.   Y  N Could that "help" be a Bible or book that you ran across & then read?
4.   Y  N Can God use people, circumstances, and events to "help" you find Him?
5.   T  N Could that "help" be anger in your heart toward God about something?
6.   T  N Could this "help" be God Himself shining His light your way?

*As I mentioned in an earlier "eye exam", when I was 5,6 & 7, my parents would not take me to church. I don't know why I wanted to go. Maybe I got curious or interested when I saw Billy Graham on TV. God's light must have shined my way. We moved when I was 8. I was now in a new neighborhood and knew no one. The 15 year old boy next door soon thereafter took me to a nearby canyon and molested me repeatedly. One afternoon when we came out of the canyon, the boy headed for home, but I stopped in front of a church to read a sign, "Vacation Bible School - Right Here - Next week - All welcome." The Bible verse at the bottom of the sign said, "Call to Me (Jesus) if you are lost, embarrassed, or lonely - and I will rescue you."*

7. How did that sign-maker at that church know what I needed? What would you tell me?

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8.   Y  N Could this have been a moment when God's light shined my way?
  9.   Y  N Could this not have been God trying to get my attention?

*No, this is not weird. When I walk with my wife in a dark place, I shine my flashlight in front of her so she will know which way to go. Why wouldn't a loving God Who is full of mercy not want to give me a little light? He knows I was born in darkness; He knows I will not find Him without some help; He wants me to find Him even though I might not be looking for Him. Even if my family "bad-mouthed" God, that doesn't mean God is through with me.*

10. Share something about your life that fits here. \_\_\_\_\_

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