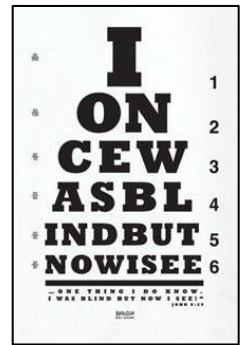


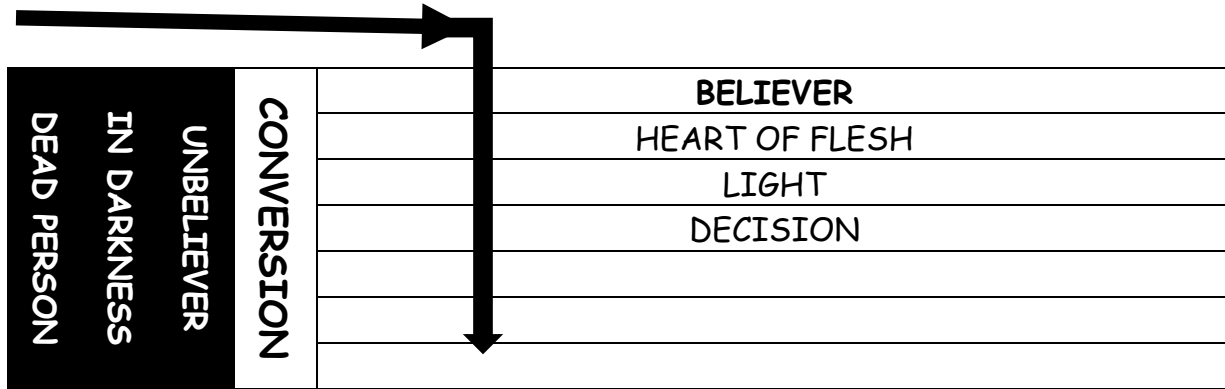


Spiritual Blindness

Everybody's Got it!



Eye Exam #5



A believer is simply someone who has accepted Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior from sin's penalty, from being dead toward God, from mankind's inherited darkness.

I mentioned in "Eye Exam #4 that I saw a church one day. I was only 8. I saw the welcome sign. I went to the Bible school; I learned Bible verses; I won prizes; I met new friends; the church gave me my own brand-new Bible with my own name written in the front.

- Y N Could my seeing that church on that day have been God shining His light my direction?
- Y N How about the welcome sign? Y N When I started learning the Bible verses?
- Y N The prizes? Y N The new friends? Y N The brand-new Bible?

This sounds sad but as great as that church was to me, they never told me I was born with inherited sin, that I was still in darkness, and that I would never find God without His help, that I needed Jesus. BUT - thank you, God. I saw some of Your Light; I got really curious; I still had that Bible.

I LOOKED UP VERSES AND FOUND OUT THAT GOD WANTED ME; HE WAS SHINING HIS LIGHT SO THAT I WOULD LOOK FOR HIM.

Luke 19:10 Genesis 3:9 Psalm 14:2 Psalm 9:10 Job 5:8	The Son of Man (Jesus) has come to <u>seek</u> and to save those who were lost. The LORD God called to Adam, "Where are you"? The LORD looks down from heaven upon mankind, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God. For You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You. But as for me, I will seek God and commit all that I am to Him.
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1. In Luke 19:10 & Genesis 3:9, who is doing the seeking? _____
2. Y N In Psalm 14:2, does God care if we are seeking for Him.
3. What does God do for those who seek Him? (Ps. 9:10) _____
4. Who is doing the seeking in Job 5:8? _____
5. Y N After an unbeliever sees God's light (however & wherever it is), the next two things to do are "seek" God & "commit" your ALL to Him? (Job 5:8)

"Seek" = Lord, I know You are looking for me; I saw Your light; Here I am.
"Commit" = Lord, You are the answer for my life; I put **all of me** in Your hands.

IF WE REALLY WANT TO FIND & FOLLOW GOD, CAN WE FIND HIM? WILL THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN MY LIFE? WILL THAT BE A TURNING POINT FOR ME?

Jeremiah 29:13
Psalm 37:4
Proverbs 3:5-6

God said, "And you will seek Me and find Me when you search for me with all your heart".
Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.
Trust in the LORD will all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways pay attention to Him, and He will direct your life.

Acts 4:32
2 Corinthians 4:16

And all the people who became believers were of one heart and one soul.
Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is deteriorating, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

Hebrews 11:6

Without faith it is impossible to please God; he who comes to God must believe that God does exist, and that God is a rewarder of all who sincerely seek Him.

2 Peter 3:9

The LORD is not late, delayed, or slow about coming back to take the believers to heaven. Rather, He is waiting patiently for those who are not believers yet; He does not want people to go to hell; He wants them to come to Him in repentance [It is our choice].

1. What will happen if you seek for God with all your heart? (Jer. 29:13)

2. If we focus on God, what will He give you? (Psalm 37:4)

3. If we pay attention to what God wants in our lives, what will He do? (Prov. 3:5-6)

4. When a person becomes a believer, what happens to him/her? (Acts 4:32)

5. As the years go by, what happens to the life of a believer? (2 Cor. 4:16)

6. For a person to successfully come to God, what two things must he believe? (Heb 11:6)
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
7. Jesus is coming back; He is not here yet. He is not late; What is He doing? (2 Pet. 3:9)

8. What do the verses above tell us?
 - a. Y N God can be found.
 - b. Y N God wants our lives to be purposeful and satisfying.
 - c. Y N He does not care what you choose to do.
 - d. Y N A believer can never have a peaceful life of purpose.
 - e. Y N God has no purpose for us, and His timing for us is always late.
 - f. Y N As we get older, we worry whether we can make it or not.
 - g. Y N Our lives need direction from someone who knows what He's doing.

OLD NATURE VS. NEW NATURE

2 Corinthians 5:17

If anyone is a believer, he is "in Christ". He becomes a "new creation" [when he accepts Christ as Savior]. The old nature (the desires of the unbeliever) have been defeated by Christ. [We have the power and strength for those old behaviors to pass away], and our new Christian life begins.

9. Y N When we become a believer, the desires of the old nature still exist.
10. Y N When we become a believer, we have power over the old behaviors.
11. Y N When the believer does not recognize the old nature is trying to take over, that is called "spiritual blindness".
12. Y N Our lives reveal a battle between spiritual sight & spiritual blindness.