

**Scripture:** God's Holy Law (Exodus 20) & John 9  
**Singing:** 161:1, 4, 5 – 141:1 – 70:1-5 - 69:6-7 – 160:1-4

Intro: The duty to examine ourselves regarding *saving faith and godliness*

<b>The Confessions of the Blind Man Healed</b>
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A. The story leading to his amazing confessions in vs. 25 & 38

1. For him it began like all other days but ended with salvation

2. Jesus' action in healing the blind man are illustrative of the new birth

a. *Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God (1 Peter 1:23) – through the foolishness of preaching which is the power of God (1 Cor. 1:18*

3. Each regeneration of the spiritual dead is equal to this man's healing and reason for thanksgiving

a. *Giving thanks unto the Father which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. (Col. 1:12)*

b. *Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God: for our Gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance. (1 Thess. 1:4-5)*

B. The blind man's confessions reveal 'God's work in him.'

1. All saved souls come to the confession of their faith in Jesus (38)

2. Yet saving faith in Jesus is not an isolated spiritual mark of grace (25)

C. What are the inward or spiritual changes of God's salvation work?

1. A willing heart: vs. 7

*The people shall be willing in the day of thy power. (Ps. 110:3)*

2. Seeing with new eyes: *now I see* (vs. 25)

3. Growing admiration for and affection to Jesus Christ (vs. 17, 30-33)  
*'Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.'*  
*'Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.'*

4. A heart trusting on Jesus as Son of God for salvation (vs. 38; John 6:69)

Close: Blessed is the man that trusteth in thee. (Ps. 84:12)