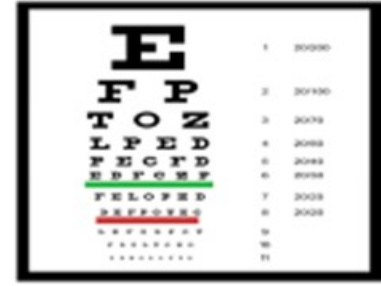




**In the eyes of faith,
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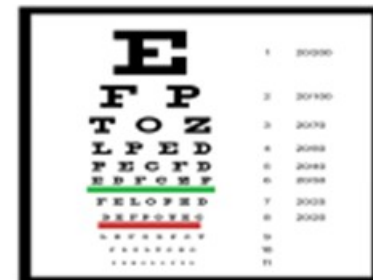
John 9: 35 - 41



John 9:35-41



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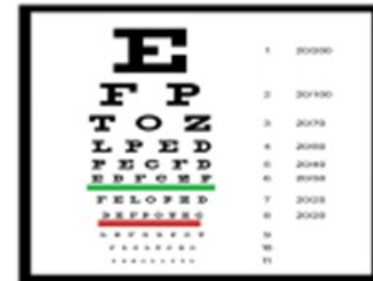


Are believers getting worse at recognizing sound doctrine and genuine Bible teaching?

If so, it is because they are paying less attention to the study of biblical doctrine, less aware of doctrinal issues and confused by the variety of churches, denominations, and even cults.



Our Bible Truth

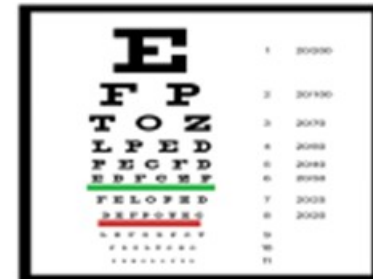


The Judgement that Jesus brought into this world was the condemnation of sin that would lead people to faith. This judgement was so that we who are born into darkness and cannot see, may see,

Everyone who says I believe will gain Spiritual sight.

**The opposite is that those who say they see,
The self-made, the I know already, the self-righteous person
may become blind, and heart hardened.**





Our Bible Truth

Jesus acknowledged that the Pharisees being caught up in their religiosity did “see” to a degree, since He had clearly revealed Himself as Messiah to them.

He said, if they were totally blind, they would have not the sin of rejecting Him.

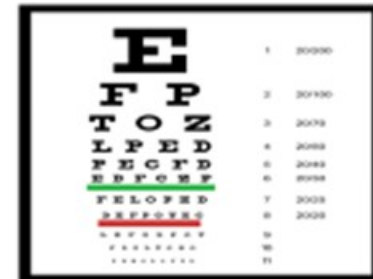
But they insisted, we see therefore, Jesus declared that their sin of rejecting Christ remains.

Seeing is not always believing.





John 5:39 - 40

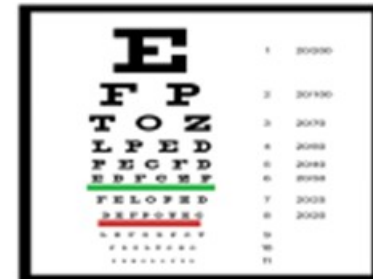


**You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life;
But the Scripture point to me!
But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.**





Self Evaluations



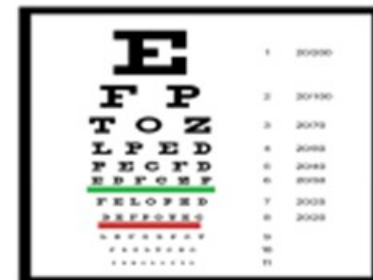
1. **Have I stopped listening, to God's Voice?**
 - **If so, whose voice am I listening to?**

2. **What's your Story?**
 - **Do you have a story to tell?**

3. **Am I blind also?**
 - **Areas in my life I keep insisting, I can see, and "I don't need to be healed"?**



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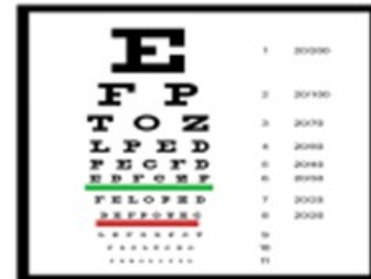
John 9: 1-3

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.



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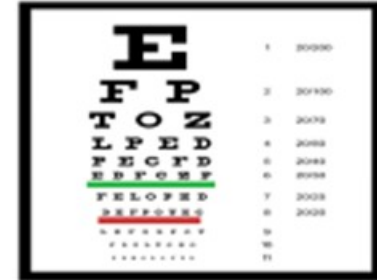


John 9: 6 – 7

Jesus made some saliva cakes and put it on his eyes.

**And He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent).
So, he went and washed, and came back seeing.**

**For the man who was born blind to receive his healing, first, he had to listen to the voice of God and then walk by faith to the pool of Siloam believing that he would
See, once the mud was gone.**



Karma Theology

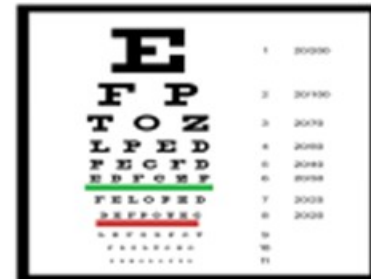
Karma Theology when favorable or unfavorable things happen to people or themselves.

Karma - actions and subsequent reactions.

(In Hinduism and Buddhism) the sum of a person's actions in this and previous states of existence, viewed as deciding their fate in the future. Following as effect from cause



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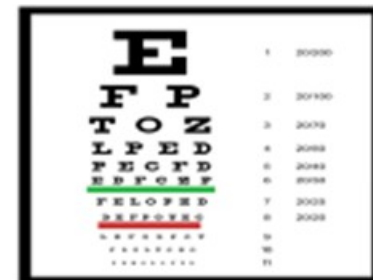
**Instead of asking God what did I do to deserve this!
We should be asking the Lord to give me strength to endure the trial and a clearer perspective on what is happening.**

**And say to God nevertheless, your will be done, Lord!
The Hardships and Obstacles in our life are there so that God will be glorified in some way in the end.**

**So, praise Him in the middle of it. We always want to fix ourselves,
but I reminded of
Psalm 46:10 Be still and know that I am God.**

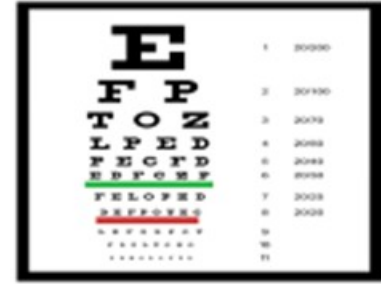


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Ephesians 1: 4-6

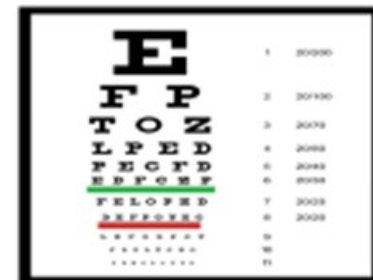
Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.



2. What's your Story?

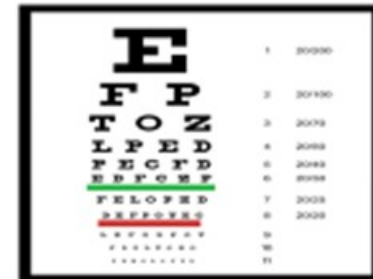


2. What's your Story?



John 9:11

He answered and said, “A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam (sent) and wash.’ So, I went and washed, and I received sight.



2. What's your Story?

They even tried to get him to denounce Jesus,

John 9:24

They said, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner."

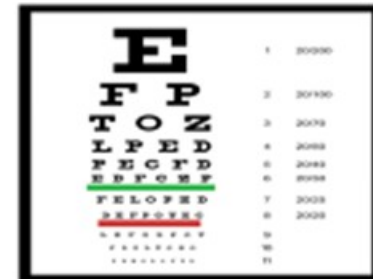
He wouldn't budge

John 9:25

"I don't know if he is a sinner. One thing I do know:

I was blind, now I see."



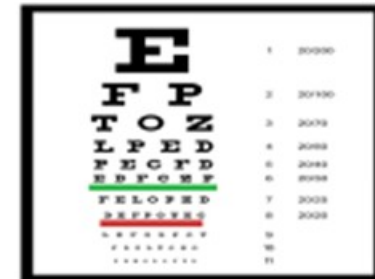


2. What's your Story?

This man had a testimony of what Jesus had done for him that was very simple and yet very effective. When people asked him what happened, he just told them what Jesus had done for him.

His testimony was strong even though he had no seminary; he had no theological education or college; he had no discipleship training or Sunday School or even a 1-hour testimony workshop to help him! he only knew one thing:

“I once was blind, but now I see”



2. What's your Story?

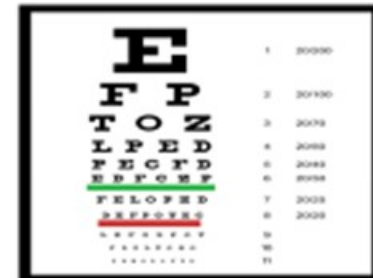
John 9:32-34

Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind.

If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.

The Pharisees finally gave up.

They threw the once-blind man out of the synagogue.

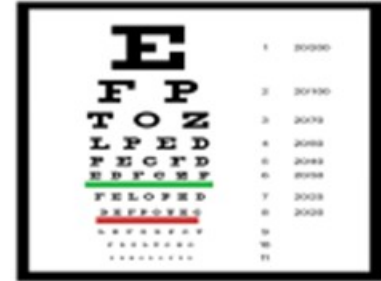


John 9:35

Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, “Do you believe in the Son of God?”

Jesus found and said, “if they don’t want you, I will take you.

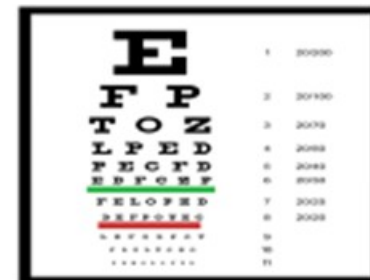
Those who are cast out for Jesus’ sake lose nothing but gain a great blessing in His personal welcome and fellowship.



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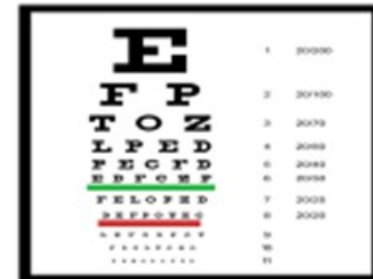


Here's the bottom line:

If you're willing to confess your blindness, your lack of faith, understanding and your dependence on the mercies of God. God will open your eyes and show you the way.

In the eyes of Faith, Blindness is a Virtue

Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, 'We see', your sin remains."



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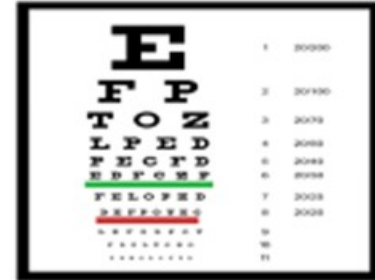
Stop letting the enemy lie to you, you are imperfect and your disobedience to the Creator does not open your eyes and make you wise it only sears your Conscience, making it easier to chose evil.

**However, underneath the exterior
God knows there are many noble elements within you which God Himself set,
to draw out of you.**





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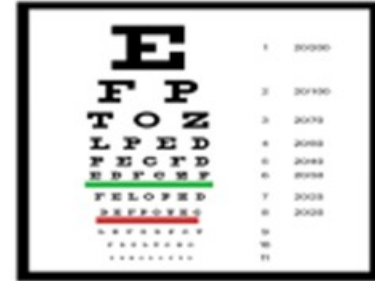


Ephesian 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.



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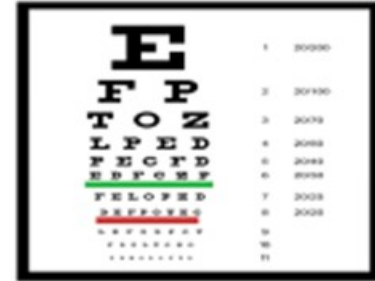


John 9:39

And Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.”



3. Am I blind also?



John 8:12

**“I am the light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in the darkness,
but will have the light of life.”**



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John 9: 35 - 41