

## **Jesus Delivers the Mute and Possessed Man (Matt 9: 32-34; 12:22-36)**

- Jesus just healed the two blind men (Matt 9:32-34)
- Blindness was a picture of unbelief.
- Faith of the man born blind and contrasting with the unbelief of the Pharisees.
- Healings are a picture of the divine mission of Messiah (Isaiah 35: 5,6; 32: 1-4).

### **I. The Mute and Possessed Man (9:32a)**

- A. A Demon possessed mute man.
- B. God who created the mouth.
- C. Jesus releases the man, and he speaks.
- D. Gospel pictures.

### **II. The Marveling Multitudes Praise God (9: 33)**

- A. Powerless Religion.
- B. Could this be the Son of David?

### **III. The Pharisees Blaspheme (9: 34)**

- A. Men love darkness because their deeds are evil.
- B. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.
- C. Has Jesus Christ set your tongue loose to praise Him?

## **“Becoming Sin for Us” (2 Corinthians 5:21)**

- 2 Cor 5: 1-5 – focuses on resurrection of Christ.
- 5: 9-11 – the judgment seat of Christ.
- 5: 12-21 Paul focuses on the matter of reconciliation.

### **I. He Who Knew No Sin (5:21a)**

- No difficulty with Jesus as a spotless Lamb – sinless

Heb 7: 26; 1 John 3: 5.

A. He knew no sin.

B. Born into this world to be the “spotless Lamb of God.”

### **II. He “Made” Him Who Knew no Sin, to Be Sin for Us (5:21b)**

- How can He who knew no sin become sin for us?
- Not because Jesus sinned in His flesh (Heb 7:26; 1 John 3:5).

A. Jesus took our place – He became our substitute.

Isa 53: 4-6, 8, 10; 1 Pet 1:18, 19; Acts 20:28; 1 Pet 2:23,24.

B. Substitutionary atonement, penal suffering: heart of the gospel.

### **III. That We Might Become the Righteousness of God in Him (5:21c)**

- Paul’s statements here are at the very heart of what the Gospel is.

A. “Sin for us” Jesus bore our sins in His body – “for us.”

Matt 1:21; 1 Peter 3: 18

B. The Righteousness of God “In Him.”

Rom 1: 16,17; 2 Cor 5:17

C. Christ is your life.

Gal 2: 20; 1 Cor 1: 30, 31