

## **I See Men, Like Trees Walking (Mark 8:22-26)**

- Two previous miracles dealing with blindness:
  - i. Two blind men from Bethsaida (Matt 9:27-31)
  - ii. The man born blind (John 9: 1-41)
- Physical healing stresses and teaches a greater spiritual truth.
- Jesus' miracles: manifest God's Kingdom driving out sin & death.
- Bethsaida: 3 miracles – Jesus warns the city of judgment (Matt 11:14-24)

### **I. A Blind Man is Brought to Jesus (8:22-23)**

- A. They brought to Him a blind man.
- B. They begged Him (Jesus) to touch him.
- C. They begged Him to touch Him.
- D. Jesus took him by the hand.

### **II. A Peculiar Healing: Blind Eyes Opened (8: 23b-25)**

- A. I see Men like trees, walking.
  - a. Jesus opens our eyes – newborn babes' eyes don't see clearly.
  - b. Analogy of Jesus leading His sheep into the light of the gospel
- B. Jesus put His hands on His eyes.
- C. He was restored and saw everyone clearly.

## **The Righteousness from God (Romans 10: 1-4)**

- Two kinds of righteousness in this world.
  - a. *True righteousness*: God's righteousness given to believers.
  - b. *False righteousness*: from the flesh – attempt to keep the law.
- True righteousness come from God through Jesus Christ

### **I. False Righteousness: Zeal without Knowledge (10:1-3)**

- A. Paul's heart's desire and prayer to God.
- B. For I bear them witness.
- C. They have a zeal for God.
- D. Not according to knowledge.
  - i. But how was their zeal an ignorant one?
    - a. Being ignorant of God's righteousness.
    - b. You seek to establish your own righteousness.
    - c. They did not submit to the righteousness of God.

### **II. Christ Our True Righteousness (10: 4)**

- A. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness.
  - *Telos: goal of the law, completion, fulfilment not abrogation.*
    - i. Law reveals exceedingly sinful sin really is (Rom 7: 13)
    - ii. Law drives us into the arms of Christ (Gal 3: 22-25)
- B. For everyone who believes
  - i. Abandon your self righteousness and turn to Christ.
  - ii. Trusting only Christ: receive God's free gift of true righteousness.