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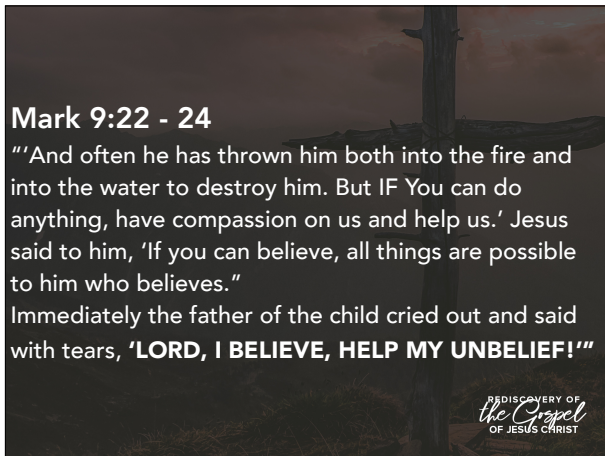
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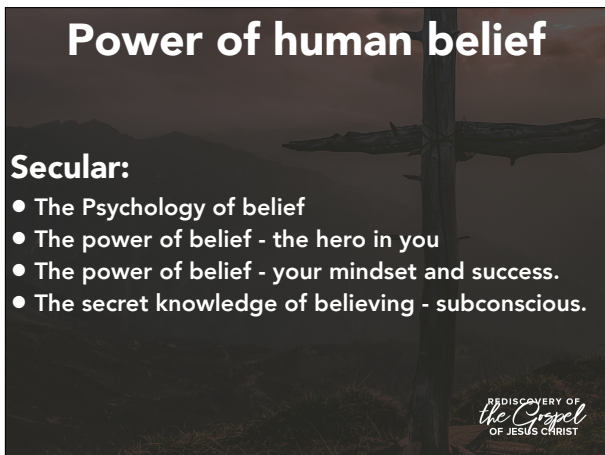
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## Power of human belief

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### Rom 10:9

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

#### Faith needs vehicles:

- Confession is simply the vehicle that releases what the heart has genuinely come to believe.
- Action - physical obedience brings spiritual release.

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## Law and the Gospel

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- **Moral law** (law of my mind)

Rom 2:14 - 15; Rom 7:23 - 25

- **Law of sin** (inherent sin nature)

Rom 7:21 - 25

- **Mosaic law**

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## Law and the Gospel

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Rom 3:20 - 22

"Therefore, by the deeds of the law NO flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe...."

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## Law and the Gospel

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- **The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.**

Rom 8:2, "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has **MADE** me free from the law of sin and death."

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## Root problem

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John 9:28, "Then they reviled him and said, 'You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow (Jesus), we do not know where He is from.'"

**Trapped in old systems and old truth.**

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## 1. Religious Unbelief

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**John 9:1 - 7**

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. must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

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# 1. Religious Unbelief

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## John 9:1 - 7

When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. 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.

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# 1. Religious Unbelief

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- 'Who sinned...?'

- Stuck in the sin conscious mind.

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# 1. Religious Unbelief

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## Hebrews 9 - 12: (Heb 9)

Heb 9:1, "Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary."

Heb 9:11, "But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation..."

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# 1. Religious Unbelief

**Hebrews 9 - 12: (Heb 10)**

Heb 10:1 - 2, "For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect / whole. For then would they have not ceased to be offered. **For they worshippers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sin...**"

Heb 10:19 - 20, "Therefore, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, **through a new and living way** which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh..."

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# 1. Religious Unbelief

**Hebrews 9 - 12: (Heb 11 + 12)**

Heb 11 - The way of Faith

Heb 12:1 - 2, "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **LOOKING UNTO JESUS**, the author and finisher of our **FAITH...**"

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# 2. The battle of unbelief

**John 9:8 - 12**

Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he."

Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight."

Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

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## 2. The battle of unbelief

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- Focuses on the persons past.
- Believes the 'fantastic', above the supernatural
- Gods power is completely foreign
- Demands an explanation.

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## 3. Unbelief in leaders

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### John 9:13 - 16

They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath."

Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

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## 3. Unbelief in leaders

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### John 9:13 - 16

- False discernment
- Preservation of OUR way, our truth.
- Division

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### 3. Unbelief in leaders

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#### John 9:17 - 19

They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?"

He said, "He is a prophet."

But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

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### 3. Unbelief in leaders

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#### John 9:17 - 19

- Damaging early growth
- Consistent attempts at practical proof

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### Fruit:

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#### John 9:20 - 23

His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

- Hirelings are formed, not shepherds

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## Fruit:

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### John 9:24 - 27

So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?"

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## Fruit:

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- Controlled response to the Supernatural
- Methods replace relationship

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## Fruit:

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### John 9:28 - 33

Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. 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."

- Missed Opportunities

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**Fruit:**

**John 9:34**  
They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

- Expelling the supernatural testimony

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**4. Jesus searches!**

**John 9:35 - 39**  
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?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him. 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."

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**4. Jesus searches!**

- Jesus finds us
- Jesus reveals Himself

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