

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
“The Works of God Revealed”

John 9:1-5
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Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, our text for the Fourth Sunday in Lent is from our
Gospel reading, John 9:

“Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

3 Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. 4 I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

So far our text:

There is a “must” in Jesus’ words to His disciples – a “must” to do the works of His Father who sent Him! And that is Good News! That was Good News for the Samaritan woman and all her city of Sychar as we heard last week – that Jesus needed to go through Samaria and reveal to this woman at the well and her neighbors that He is the Messiah! And they believed that Jesus is the Living Water who quenches the sinner’s thirst with His righteousness! So we heard their confession of faith in John 4:

“for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

It was Good News to the blind man in our text who not only received his physical sight, but also his spiritual sight to believe in Jesus the Light of the world – the Savior of the world! Jesus revealed the works of God in him!

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?”

36 He answered and said, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?”

37 And Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.”

38 Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” And he worshiped Him.!

The Son of God revealed His works of giving him sight to see Jesus with his eyes, but more importantly, to confess his faith in Jesus, his Lord! Jesus revealed Himself to this young man – “I am He that is talking to you”. And Jesus worked faith in his heart by the power of the Holy Spirit for him to say, “Lord, I believe”.

In a very similar way went the conversation with the woman at the well.

“25 The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.”

26 Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”

And she left her waterpot and quickly went to reveal this Good News to her city.

And it is Good News for us that Jesus worked the works of His Father for our redemption. For as we heard in our Epistle reading so clearly, **“8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.”**

Peter beautifully reveals the works of God in the hearts of every believer in 1 Peter 2:

**“Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious,
And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.”**

7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious...

The work of Jesus’ death and resurrection, His rejection as the Chief Cornerstone by the builders of the Jewish leadership, which this young man, no longer blind, confronted with courage, is precious! It is life giving! One becomes a living stone in God’s Holy Church, Zion, the communion of saints. And a believer will never be put to shame!

Though the Pharisees cast out the young man from the synagogue, Jesus brought him into the true church of believers.

“34 They answered and said to him, “You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?” And they cast him out.”

Yes, it is true that we are all born in sins, as Psalm 51 teaches us...from our conception. But, the Pharisees did nothing to remove the burden of sins, nor could they. For they did not believe in Jesus, that He is the Messiah. Listen to what the Pharisees said about Jesus in our Gospel reading.

"Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner."

"28 Then they reviled him and said, "You are His (Jesus') disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. 29 We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from."

Where is Jesus from? The young man revealed the truth he had been shown by Jesus.

"30 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! 31 Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. 32 Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. 33 If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing."

There was no doubt in his mind that Jesus was from God. No one has ever opened the eyes of a blind man except Jesus. And this man had felt the mud made from Jesus' saliva on his eyes. The people saw Jesus do this. There could be no doubt that it was Jesus who made this miracle, this work of God.

All these years, he had endured blindness until the time was right for Jesus to show him and the world that He was from God... that He was the Son of God. And this man trusted the word of Jesus and went to the pool of Siloam as he was commanded. He washed and received his sight. And now, indeed, gave glory to God by testifying of this most precious work he had received.

We too have received the works of God in our lives. When the time was right, God revealed Himself to you and me in His precious word. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you came to know that Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of God and your Lord as you confessed in the Nicene Creed.

And in that creed you also confessed:

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

You have followed the command of Jesus to go to be baptized, and you have been personally washed by Jesus. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

God has revealed His work of salvation to you, baptized and washed child of God. You are united with Jesus' death, His greatest work of salvation, and with His resurrection, the proof that He is the Son of God! And because you are now in the family of God through baptism, listen what great news Peter continues to proclaim to you in 1 Peter 2:9-10.

“9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

What does our epistle now tell us to do?

“Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.”

You and I are called to be the light of Christ in this world of darkness. You and I are the voice of the Samaritan woman evangelizing our neighbors that they may be saved. You and I are the voice of the young blind man who now sees and confronts the unbelieving world with God's truth. You and I who have been revealed God's most precious work of salvation in Jesus are now His people to proclaim and reveal His saving work to others. Amen

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Amen. (Philippians 4:7)