

**Problem:**

who gets the glory in your salvation story? who's glory story are you telling?

“I lost my glory and then with Christ i got it back”

“i once was a loser but now i am a winner”

“things were not going great and now they are”

“my dreams never came true but now God...”

salvation is about His glory - Eph 2:8-10; 5:8

John's gospel is about the revelation of His glory in salvation Jn 1:9-14

and how the darkness can not hide it Jn 1:5

**Text:**

**The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world (Jn 1:9)**

John 9:1 ¶ As he passed by, **he saw a man blind from birth.**

John 9:2 And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

John 9:3 Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but **that the works of God might be displayed in him.**

John 9:4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.

John 9:5 As long as I am in the world, **I am the light of the world.** (Jesus had claimed to be the light of the world (John 8:12), so to prove His claim, He bestowed 'light' on a blind man)

John 9:6 Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud

John 9:7 and said to him, “Go, wash in **the pool of Siloam**” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

(7) Siloam - John 7:37-38 -living Water and Light of the world are linked through the feast of booths: the water washes the blind eyes to see the light

(1) born blind -John 8:47, 59 (hid Himself); -needed to be born again

works of God on display -

Christ came to give sight - Isaiah 42:1-9

for His glory - Isaiah 48:9-11

He forgives sin for His glory - Isaiah 43:25

He chooses people for His glory - Isaiah 43:6-13 (7)

He punishes sin for His glory -Isaiah 5:13-16 (prov 16:4)

He chooses you for His glory - eph 1:4-6, 12, 14

He endured sin waiting for you for His glory -Rom 9:14-26; 11:36

**He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him (Jn 1:10)**

John 9:8 ¶ **The neighbors and those who had seen him** before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?”

John 9:9 Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.”

John 9:10 So they said to him, “Then **how were your eyes opened?**”

John 9:11 He answered, “**The man called Jesus** made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.”

John 9:12 They said to him, “**Where is he?**” He said, “I do not know.”

1 Cor 2:14-16 -the natural person cannot see

(Rom 1:18-32 -he has traded God's glory away)

**He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him (Jn 1:11)**

John 9:13 ¶ They brought to **the Pharisees** the man who had formerly been blind.

John 9:14 Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.

John 9:15 So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”

John 9:16 Some of the Pharisees said, “**This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.**” But others said, “**How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?**” And there was a division among them.

John 9:17 So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “**He is a prophet.**”

John 9:18 ¶ **The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until** they called the parents of the man who had received his sight

John 9:19 and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”

John 9:20 His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind.

John 9:21 But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.”

John 9:22 (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that **if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.**)

John 9:23 Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

2 Cor 4:2-6 - veiled gospel -> glory of man John 12:27-43

**But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God (Jn 1:12-13)**

John 9:24 ¶ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “**Give glory to God.** We know that this man is a sinner.”

John 9:25 He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”

John 9:26 They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”

John 9:27 He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?”

John 9:28 And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.

John 9:29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.”

John 9:30 The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.

John 9:31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him.

John 9:32 Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind.

John 9:33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”

John 9:34 They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

John 9:35 ¶ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

John 9:36 He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"

John 9:37 Jesus said to him, "**You have seen him**, and it is he who is speaking to you."

John 9:38 He said, "**Lord, I believe,**" and he worshiped him.

*(37) You have seen Him ->(1) He saw - the key to the whole thing -*

*Col 1:11-14; 2 Pet 2:9*

*(38) Lord, I believe - (11) The man called Jesus (17) He is a prophet (24) give glory to God - (38) Lord (2) the works of God on display*

**And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (Jn 1:14)**

John 9:39 Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

John 9:40 Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?"

John 9:41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

*they were blind because they didn't seek God's glory - John 5:37-44 (this passage is about His glory)*

**Implication:** His glory is the point

**App:** His glory is the application - 1 Cor 1:26-29; 10:31

### Main Idea:

your salvation is not the point of your salvation - God's glory is  
in other words...

your salvation is the story of God's glory

### Implication:

His glory is the point

-literally His glory and our enjoyment of it is the very point of our existence

-do you see it?

### Application:

who gets the glory in your salvation story? who's glory story are you telling?

"I did this then I realized this etc etc"

Salvation is about His glory

His glory is the application

here are some articles for further study and discussion:

<http://christianitymatters.com/2011/04/08/gods-glory-in-salvation/>

<http://www.desiringgod.org/messages/god-created-us-for-his-glory>

<http://www.reformedtheology.ca/isa42.htm>