

"OPEN EYES, OPEN HEARTS, IN GLORY & GRACE!"
THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – OCT. 24, 2021
JEREMIAH 31:7-9; HEBREWS 7:23-28; MARK 10:46-52

Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

Do you know any “magic words”? Do they work? Not magic words, like, “please” and “thank you;” we know the importance of those magic words, and that those magic words work well. Have you ever had any success with other magic words, a phrase like, “Open Sesame!”? Change of subject. Technology is changing all the time, and yet, do you have any items that when locked or closed, unlock or open on their own, all by themselves? Normally, we need to unlock such items; and in most cases, you better not lose the key. Our reading from Mark tells the story of a blind man having his sight restored; he gets to see again. The magic words: “Have mercy” and “Jesus.” Is the man able to restore his sight on his own? No; he knows he needs Jesus! Jesus is the key. As we continue to explore our net worth is in God’s grace alone, let us call on the One who does what we cannot do on our own, to open our eyes and to open our hearts, to see what we have been missing, to see in new places, in new ways, all of God’s glory and grace!

1. The One who opens our eyes, opens our hearts, to believe and to see, all we have been missing in God’s glory and grace! Jer. 31:8; Hebrews 7:26; Mark 10:47-48
 - A. There are no magic words needed to believe and to see God’s glory and grace!
 - B. Like the blind man, let us believe and see the One who is right in front of us all the time, and let us forever speak the word, the name, that has all the power and glory and grace we will ever need: Jesus!

2. The One who opens our eyes, opens our hearts, to believe and to see, in new places, all of God’s glory and grace! Mark 10:46-49
 - A. Do you have places that captivate you, catch your eye, awe you? Places like this are priceless, and bless us and assure us, to believe and to see God’s glory and grace!
 - B. Our eyes and our hearts are opened to believe and to see God’s glory and grace in each and every place as we take a closer look!

3. The One who opens our eyes, opens our hearts, to believe and to see, in new ways, all of God's glory and grace! Mark 10:51-52
 - A. Technology is changing all the time; helping open what cannot be opened on its own; helping us see all kinds of things more clearly!
 - B. God's glory and grace are changing us all the time; doing for us what we cannot do on our own, opening our eyes and hearts in new ways; to believe and to see even more!

4. The One who opens our eyes, opens our hearts, to spring up, to have our spirits energized, to believe and to see, all of God's glory and grace! Mark 10:49-50
 - A. As we believe and see, our souls and spirits spring up!
 - B. Like the blind man, let us spring up, and jump into God's story!

5. The One who opens our eyes, opens our hearts, to believe and to see, our net worth is in God's grace alone, thanks to all of God's glory and grace!
Jeremiah 31:8; Mark 10:49

6. The One who opens our eyes, opens our hearts, does more than restore or renew our sight and our heart; our eyes and our hearts are transformed to believe, to see, glory and grace like never before, thanks to one word, one name: Jesus!
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