

## *Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

### **Sermon Notes for June 4-5, 2005**

#### **"To See or Not To See"**

#### **John 9:35**

Spiritual sight is the product of divine initiative (John 9:35).

If you are here this weekend and enjoy spiritual sight, you can be confident that Christ at some point in time took the initiative to reach out to you.

John 9:35 does not say that after the former blind man was put out of the synagogue he found Jesus, rather it says that Jesus found him.

When Jesus asked the question "do you believe in the Son of Man?" He was not saying do you believe that He exists," but rather "do you put your trust in Him?"

The blind man most likely would have understood the reference to the Son of Man as a reference to the Messiah based on Daniel 7:13-14.

The idea that Spiritual sight is the product of divine initiative is not only illustrated by what Christ did, but also by what He taught (Luke 19:10).

The Apostle Paul also taught that spiritual sight was the product of divine initiative (Ephesians 2:1-7).

At the moment when the former blind man was asked by Jesus if he believed in the Son of Man, he did not yet know that Jesus was in fact the very person.

If Christ took the initiative to bring us sight, certainly He will continue to take the initiative to preserve our sight in order that we would not become separated from Him (Romans 8:35-38).