**Truths that last – John 10:7**

**Focal Truth: Jesus Christ is the shepherd of those who believe in Him**

Do you know what it is like to be blind to spiritual things?

Did you know that spiritual blindness is caused by unbelief in Jesus Christ?

Have your spiritual eyes – your mind been opened to the truth that Jesus Christ is the Son of God – Lord & Savior?

John 9 -10 – connected – A blind man is healed by Jesus Christ which exposes the spiritual blindness of the religious leaders the Pharisees

John 10 – Jesus is speaking to spiritually blind Pharisees – explaining that He is the true & only Good Shepherd

**Observations**

1. **Jesus Christ gives sight to the spiritually blind – 9:25 -38**
2. I was blind but now I see – 9:25
3. God hears the sinner’s prayer – 9:31
4. Jesus Christ is from God – He opened my blind eyes – 9:32 -33
5. Jesus found the blind man – 9:35
6. Jesus asked If he believed in Him – 9:35
7. The blind man believed in the Lord Jesus – 9:37 -38

“Lord I believe, and he worshipped Him”

**The blind man a picture of salvation**

 **Jesus healed him in his helpless condition of blindness**

 **Jesus found him when he was rejected**

 **Jesus called the man to believe in Him**

 **The seeing man believed in Jesus Christ**

1. **Jesus Christ reveals the spiritual blindness of unbelief – 9:39 – 41**
2. We know that Jesus is a sinner – 9:24
3. We do not know Jesus we know Moses – 9:29
4. Jesus said that judgement has come with His coming into the world – 9:39

“Those who do not see may see”

“Those who see may become blind”

1. The Pharisees asked, are we blind? – 9:40
2. Jesus teaching on spiritual blindness
3. The spiritually blind don’t see -understand their sin
4. The spiritually unbelieving see yet are still in their sin

**The Pharisees are a picture of the blindness of unbelief**

**They were blinded by their legalism**

**They were blinded by their pride**

**They were blinded by their self – righteousness**

**They were blinded by their hatred for Jesus Christ**

1. **Jesus Christ is the true shepherd of souls – 10:1 - 5**
2. False spiritual leaders who do not care for people are thieves & robbers – 10:1
3. The true shepherd enters by the door of the sheep fold – 10:2
4. The sheep hear the voice of the shepherd who calls them by name – 10:3
5. The true shepherd leads the sheep – 10:4

**Those who believe in Jesus Christ are like sheep coming & following their shepherd**

1. **Jesus Christ is the door of salvation – 10:7 -10**
2. Jesus is the way of salvation – 10:7

Truly, truly, I am the door of the sheep

1. Believing sinners only hear & believe in Jesus Christ – 10:8
2. Coming to Jesus brings salvation by following Him – 10:9
3. Coming to Jesus the door of salvation brings abundant life – 10:10
4. **Jesus Christ is the good shepherd of those who believe in Him – 10:11 – 16**
5. Jesus Christ the good shepherd dies for His sheep – 10:11
6. Jesus Christ the good shepherd knows the sheep & they know Him – 10:12

Deep abiding relationship between Jesus & His people

1. Jesus Christ is the good shepherd of one people who have believed and followed Him – 10:16

1 Pet. 2:25 – for you were continually straying like sheep but now you have returned to the Shepherd and guardian of your souls

**Things to Remember**

1. Jesus Christ opens the blinded eyes of unbelief!
2. Spiritual sight comes from Jesus Christ
3. The unbelief in Jesus reveals spiritual blindness
4. Jesus Christ is the doorway to salvation from sin
5. Jesus Christ is the shepherd & guardian of the souls of His people
6. Believer’s love the Lord Jesus the shepherd of their souls

**Daily Use**

1. Remember where you were when Jesus the shepherd found you in your sin!
2. Thank the Lord Jesus for saving you by dying for you!
3. Rejoice, once you were spiritually blind but now through salvation in Jesus Christ you can see!
4. Rejoice in your spiritual sight

**Truly, Truly, I am the door of the sheep**

The old hymn says, Savior, like a shepherd lead us much we need thy tender care. In thy pleasant pastures feed us for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are. Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus Thou has bought us Thine we are.