

Obtaining Christ's Help – Luke 18:35-43

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- I. Introduction
 - a. Jesus, as He is traveling to Jerusalem, heals a blind man
 - b. This demonstrated several characteristics of Jesus
 - i. His divine power
 - ii. His great compassion
 - c. But the way in which this miracle occurred reveal some things about the blind man as well
 - d. Just like the blind man, we need Christ's help, and we can obtain Christ's help
- II. KEY THOUGHT – The blind man is a good example of what is necessary in order to obtain the help of Jesus Christ
- III. Bartimaeus- Needed Christ's Help
 - a. He was a blind beggar – v. 35
 - i. Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus – Mark 10:46
 - b. He realized that Jesus was nearby – v. 36-7
 - c. He asked for help – v. 38
 - i. He asked the right person
 1. Jesus
 2. The Son of David
 3. Have mercy on me
 - ii. He asked emphatically
 1. He cried out
 2. He intended to be heard
 - d. He would not be silenced – v. 39
 - i. Some tried
 - ii. He refused to be stopped in his efforts to receive help
 - e. He came when Jesus called – v. 40
 - f. He asked for what he needed – v. 41
 - i. He could have asked for any number of things
 1. He asked for the impossible
 2. And received it from Jesus
 - ii. He believed Jesus could help him
- IV. Bartimaeus – Obtained Christ's help
 - a. His faith made him well – v. 42
 - i. His faith
 1. In who Jesus was
 2. What he could do
 3. His willingness to help
 - ii. Without such faith it is impossible to please Him – Heb 11:6
 - iii. But what else?

- iv. His faith caused him to do things which, if undone, would have removed all possibility of help
 - b. He was healed – v. 43
 - i. And followed Him
 - ii. Praising God
 - iii. And causing others to praise God
- V. We – Need Christ’s help
 - a. For our life
 - b. For our daily needs
 - c. For our forgiveness
 - d. For our future
 - e. For our children
- VI. We – can obtain Christ help
 - a. If we have the same faith as Bartimaeus
 - i. Realize Jesus is nearby
 - 1. Some feel he is far away
 - 2. In fact, he is closer than any other person
 - ii. Ask for help
 - iii. Refuse to be silenced or stopped in your quest to receive mercy from Jesus, the Son of David
 - iv. Come when Jesus calls
 - v. Faith without works is dead – James 2:14-17
 - 1. Faith is dead if it tries to help others without action
 - 2. Faith is dead if it tries to receive help from Jesus without action
 - 3. He calls us to him, just as he called Bartimaeus
 - a. If Bartimaeus had sat where he was he would have stayed blind
 - b. But his faith assured him it was worth coming when Jesus called
 - 4. He calls us by the gospel – 2Th. 2:14
 - 5. Whosoever will, let him come and take of the water of life freely – Rev. 22:17
 - vi. Make humble request for what you most need
 - b. Jesus
 - i. Has just as much power as he did then
 - ii. Has just as much compassion as he did then
 - iii. He will reward our active faith just as he did Bartimaeus’
 - c. After having our souls healed
 - i. We can follow him
 - ii. Praise him
 - iii. And be the cause of others giving praise to Jesus Christ
- VII. Conclusion
 - a. Do you know what your most important need is?
 - b. Jesus has the answers
 - c. Invitation

