

SEEING, YET NOT SEEING



And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

-John 9:39



OUTLINE

***Introduction**



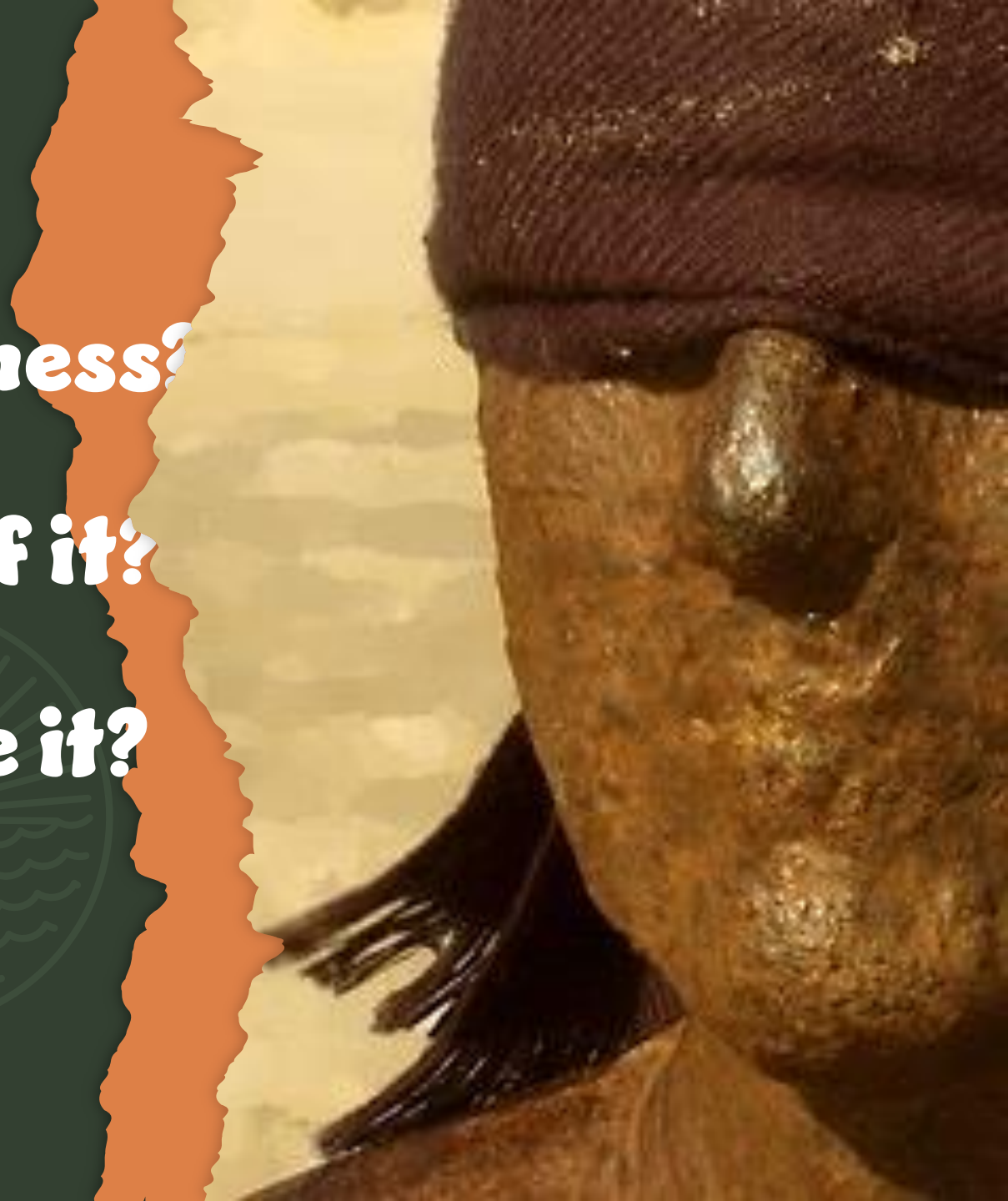
***What is spiritual blindness?**

***What are the causes of it?**

***How can we overcome it?**

***Conclusion**

***Invitation**



INTRODUCTION



***In the U. S. , there are about 1 million people who register as blind.**

****Physical blindness prevents seeing the world, but spiritual blindness prevents one from seeing their condition before God****



What is Spiritual Blindness?

Definition:

Spiritual Blindness is the inability to accept gospel truths.

Condition:

This inability is not because of access to truth but an unwilling engagement of the truth.

What is Spiritual Blindness?

Historically:

- Israel had a problem with spiritual blindness. **Isaiah 6:9–10**
- Paul's Description—**2 Corinthians 4:3–4**
- Christ's discussion with Pharisees—**John 9:39–41**
- EXAMPLE: **Revelation 3:17** Laodicea



What are the causes of spiritual blindness?



What are the causes of Spiritual Blindness?

Cause #1:

Self-righteousness – Luke 18:9–14

Cause #2:

**Hard Heartedness – Ephesians 4:17–19;
Acts 7:51**

What are the causes of Spiritual Blindness?

Cause #3:

Men love darkness— **John 3:19–20**

Cause #4:

Men love their doctrines— **Matthew 15:9, 14; Mark 7:6–⁸13**



How can we
overcome
spiritual
blindness?



How can we overcome Spiritual Blindness?

- **We must approach God for help.**
Hebrews 4:16; Hebrews 10:22
- **We must exercise godly self-judgment.**
1 Corinthians 11:31

How can we overcome Spiritual Blindness?

- We must willingly obey what we learn.

John 7:7

- We must keep our eyes on Jesus.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Conclusion

Are we blind also?

INVITATION

Do you need Jesus?

Hear the Word

Believe the Word

Repent of Sin

Confess the Name of Christ

Submit to Baptism

Live Faithfully

• Do you need to Return?

Repent of your sin

Confess them to God

Pray for Forgiveness

Live Righteously