

New Light

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For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light (Psalm 36:9).

My life has changed. Old habits, routines, and attitudes no longer fit what's expected of me now. New challenges await me. What worked for a long time seems strangely outdated now. Lord, I need to see myself in another light, a new light. So I look in Your Word, Your light for my path.

When You brought light to a blind man, You spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes (John 9:6). You then ordered him to wash. So the man went and washed, and came home seeing (John 9:7). Now, I'm not saying I'm ready to go outside and spit in dirt, but I can appreciate the value of what You did. You worked through something common, something underfoot, something right there to give light to the blind man, using plain old dirt and saliva – and he went home seeing You!

Lord, I see how You operate. You use right-at-hand stuff to give me the light I need to make my way. You send me resources so down-to-earth that the world doesn't even see them as gifts from heaven for us to use: the water of baptism, bread and wine of communion, the spoken and written word of absolution.

Lord, graciously shed Your light on Your blessings around me right now. Remove all blindness to Your means of grace so that I and others will see You in a whole new light.

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