

# **Eternal Life Through Believing in Jesus**

## **8) Look and Live**

***'And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life' (John 3:14-15)***

**Jesus referred to His crucifixion as His being 'lifted up', i.e. on the cross:**

***'Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things"' (John 8:28)***

***"Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." This He said, signifying by what death He would die' (John 12:32-34)***

- ✓ **The serpent is a type of sin. In its first mention the serpent is the source of sin and sinners are referred to as the seed of the serpent**
- ✓ **From the serpent's bite of sin there is no cure, except that which God provides, in Jesus**
- ✓ **How can a serpent be a type of Christ? He came in the *likeness* of sinful humanity**
- ✓ **On the cross He became sin for us ' *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him'* (2 Cor.5:21)**
- ✓ **'*Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree")'* i.e. **lifted up on the cross, (Gal.3:13)****

- ✓ **Brass is a symbol of judgment in the Bible**
- ✓ **In the tabernacle the sacrifices were offered on the brazen altar, but the altar was not consumed**
- ✓ **Jesus endured the wrath of God**
- ✓ **Jesus appears in Rev.1:15 with feet of brass**  
***'His feet were like fine brass...'* (Rev.1:15)**

**The world knows there is a problem in society but will not acknowledge it as sin and tries to deal with it in a hundred different ways**

**The Israelites were not told to:**

- ✓ **Make an ointment to put on the bites**
- ✓ **Have faith in Moses**
- ✓ **Gaze intently upon their wounds**
- ✓ **Fight the serpents**

**They were just told to look at the serpent on  
the pole**

**Looking to that which was lifted up was the  
only remedy**

*'Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make  
a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall  
be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks  
at it, shall live"'*

**(Num.21:8)**

**Likewise, those who look to Jesus on the cross  
with a believing heart are saved**

**Look away from yourself to Him who was lifted  
up on the cross and believe in Him**

**No matter how many times a person may have been bitten; no matter how far the poison had advanced if he only looked, he would live**

***'whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life' (Jn.3:15)***

**ALL who looked in faith were healed**

***'Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other' (Isa. 45:22)***

***'...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God' (Heb. 12:1-2)***

***'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved'***  
**(John 3:16-17)**

**Here we see that the cross not only demonstrates the holiness of God but also His love**

***'In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins'***  
**(1 John 4:9-10)**



- **The death of Christ was the supreme demonstration of God's love**
- **God did not love us because Christ died, rather Christ died because God loves us**
- **John 3:16 is the most well-known verse by Christians. It emphasizes that salvation is a gift offered to the whole world and is received by believing in Jesus**
- **Salvation means forgiveness of all sins and freedom from condemnation, resulting in eternal life**
- **Those who believe will never perish**

- ✓ **The Greek word for 'perish' is *apollumi* which means to destroy, die, lose or perish**
- ✓ **It is never translated as everlasting torment**
- ✓ **That which is killed, destroyed or perishes has ceased to function, it has ceased to be**
- ✓ **Those who reject Christ will die, perish, be ruined, destroyed, i.e. they will be reduced to non-existence (E.g. Rom.6:23; Acts 3:22-23)**
- ✓ **If something is said to die, be ruined, be destroyed and perish how can it be said to continue to exist? Even more, how can it be said to eternally and consciously suffer torment?**

*'He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil'*

**(John 3:18-19)**

**All outside of Christ stand guilty and condemned**

**But the judgment will not be passed until the day of grace has ended**

**The gospel is a call, in this day of salvation, to come out of darkness into His light**

***'For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God' (Jn.3:20-21)***

**Unbelievers are lost because they draw back from the light and want to remain in their sin. It is the love of evil deeds that keeps people from responding to the light**

**This is the condemnation – that light (Christ) has come into the world and men draw back from the light because they wish to remain in darkness and continue their evil deeds**

**Atheism is a condition of the heart, not the mind**