

LOOK AND LIVE

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Believing Into Life, Part 9

MAIN IDEA: God beckons/invites/calls us to look to Jesus as his ultimate statement of love to us, *and* his complete provision to bring the life of heaven into us right now.

¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” (Numbers 21:4-9)

People sinned—God judged/sent snakes—Provision lifted up—People responded by looking to God’s provision—Saved & healed.

Our Sin—Alienated from God/judgment—Jesus: provision lifted up—Respond by looking to him/entrust—Experience life, not death

“And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” **John 12:32** NLT

“**Eternal Life**”... the life of the **Age To Come**

1. God provides the MEANS OF DELIVERANCE from sin and death in Jesus.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

2. Love MOTIVATES God. Very expansive and pure love provides a very costly means of escape for us! (1 John 4:10)

¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

3. Jesus’ mission is to RESCUE people, not bring JUDGMENT on them. (Rom. 8:1)

¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.

¹⁹ This is the judgment: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

4. Judgment comes because people CHOOSE IT. (Eph. 5:11-13)

“Whosoever”

THEMES:

- **Believe**—Receive, Follow, Entrust, Look to, Walk into
- **Love**—All encompassing, expansive, sacrificial
- **Eternal life**—the life of the Age to Come, Heaven’s life, now. Peace, forgiveness, love, relationship, restored, knowing God
- **Condemnation**—from rejecting Christ, what we choose
- **Perish**—lost, miserable end; die without Jesus, forever alienated
- **Light**—Jesus *and* things being exposed
- **Darkness**—hidden, choosing alienation/evil.

