

**THE SERPENT IN THE WILDERNESS:** A Picture of Jesus taking our Curse  
*What someone has to believe to be saved / to go to heaven*

**Romans 1:7** to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called ~~as~~ **saints:** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**10** always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you.

**11** For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established

**15** I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome

**John 3:2** this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

**3** Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

**4** Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

**5** Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water, ~~and~~ **that is, the Spirit,** he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

**9** Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?"

**10** Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things?"

**12** "If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

**14-15** ~~X~~ As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes ~~will~~ in Him **will** have eternal life.

**Numbers 21:8** Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a standard; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, he will live."

**9** And Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on the standard; and it came about, that if a serpent bit any man, when he looked to the bronze serpent, he lived.

**Genesis 3:14** The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you more than ~~all cattle~~ **all four legged animals** ...

**Galatians 3:10** For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.”

**13** Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”

**Matthew 27:46** About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”)

**John 3:16** ~~X~~ *{no quotation marks as these are John’s words, not Jesus’}* For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever ~~believes~~ **trusts** in Him shall not ~~perish~~ **come apart / be separated**, but have eternal life

**1 John 4:10** In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son ...

**2 Kings 18:4** He removed the high places and broke down the pillars and cut down the Asherah. He also ~~broke in pieces~~ **ground up** the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the sons of Israel burned incense to it; and it was called ~~Nehushtan~~ **“Bronze Serpent”**.

**Hebrews 12:2** ~~fixing our eyes on Jesus~~ **keep turning our eyes back to Jesus**, the author and perfecter of faith

**Titus 2:13** looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus

**1 John 3:2** Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

**3** And everyone who has this ~~hope fixed on Him~~ **future certainty because of Him** purifies himself, just as He is pure.

**Romans 15:13** Now may the ~~God of hope~~ God of **certainty** fill you **up** with ~~all~~ joy and peace ~~in believing~~ in **faith**, so that you will abound in ~~hope by~~ the **certainty of the** power of ~~the~~ Holy Spirit.