

- As an ambassador of Christ, our invitation is simple—“Be _____ to God”

CONCLUSION

- The account of the Israelites in the wilderness illustrates how God undid the serpent’s work.
- When we repent and believe in the One who became sin for us, we become the righteousness of God—but only when we are “in Him” by faith.
- We have been entrusted with the life-giving message of the gospel, and we urge others to be reconciled to God. “Look and live” is to be the heart-cry of every follower of Jesus to those who are perishing.



UNIT 2: The Atonement Foreshadowed **DATE:** February 15, 2015

LESSON 7: “Look and Live!” (Num. 21; John 3:14-15; 2 Cor. 5:20-21)

NEXT WEEK: “The Sign of Jonah” (Jonah 1)

INTRODUCTION

- “We know that Jesus read the Old Testament believing that it was all pointing to Him. There were pointers and types and foreshadowings everywhere. But we might expect Him to skip this one. It is shocking to compare the Son of Man to a snake. But Jesus doesn’t skip this one. He goes out of His way to choose it to help Nicodemus.” ~John Piper

ISRAEL IS RESCUED BY GAZING UPON THE SYMBOL OF _____ FOR THEIR SIN (NUMBERS 21:4-9).

- Again God used _____ as the instrument through which salvation came.
- Israel’s emotional outburst exposed their _____ heart. They were despising God’s good gifts.
- God punished the Israelites by sending poisonous _____ into their camp.
- God instructed Moses to make a bronze _____ and mount it on a pole. Those who _____ upon it were cured. Those who did not perished.

**WE ARE RESCUED BY GAZING UPON _____,
WHO TOOK THE PUNISHMENT FOR OUR SIN (JOHN 3:14-15).**

- Jesus made a clear connection between this episode and what would happen to Him on the cross.
 - Sinners were in desperate need of _____.
 - A divinely-ordained remedy was _____.
 - The remedy defied human _____ or expectations.
 - Someone performed an _____—a “lifting up.”
 - The remedy looked something like the _____.
 - A _____ was required in order for the remedy to succeed.
 - All who respond _____ the remedy.

**CHRIST’S IDENTIFICATION WITH SINNERS IS THE
_____ FOR OUR MISSION (2 CORINTHIANS 5:20-21).**

- An _____ was one personally appointed by the emperor to represent his interests to another party, perhaps far away.
 - Our Message
 - Jesus is the only human who lived _____.
 - Jesus became the representative _____.
 - Jesus gives us His _____ when we trust in Him.
 - Our Mission
 - We have been sent out as ambassadors to issue the _____ proclamation and invitation.
 - Our mission demands extreme _____ in delivering the invitation