

What are you looking at?

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E. Stanley Jones: “At the cross God wrapped his heart in flesh and blood and let it be nailed to the cross for our redemption.”

Numbers 21:8,9 (AMP)

“And the Lord said to Moses, Make a fiery serpent [of bronze] and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it on a pole, and if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked to the serpent of bronze [attentively, expectantly, with a steady and absorbing gaze], he lived.

When Moses held up the serpent on the pole, it represented our sickness, curse, sin, guilt, and shame.

When the people looked and kept on looking, they were healed and lived.

This was a picture of how Jesus became a curse for us on the cross.

When you walk by faith... Your eyes must be focused on the right thing because what you view determines failure or success.

Whatever we are looking at determines whether we live or die, succeed or fail, win or lose.

John 3:14-16

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but^a have eternal life.¹⁶ 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.”

When we look at what Jesus did for us through the blood and sacrifice of the cross with a...

1. Attentive
2. Expectant
3. Steady
4. Absorbing gaze...that is believing...

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Matt. 14:30-31

“But when he SAW [the effects of] the wind, he was frightened, and he began to sink, and he cried out, “Lord, save me!”³¹ Immediately Jesus extended His hand and caught him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you ^adoubt?”

2 Cor. 3:18

“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

Proverbs 4:20-23 “My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.²¹ Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; ²² For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. ²³ Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.”

“The medieval saints used to erect a simple cross in the center of the market square of every town so that it came to be known as the market cross. This still may be seen in older towns of Europe. The simple and the beautiful idea was that the cross should dominate all the business of earthly life and that all transactions, interests and concerns should be under the shadow of the cross.”

2 Corinthians 4:18 “While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

A supernatural transformation takes place when you keep your GAZE fixed on the Blood... the Cross...the Word.

Find scriptures that paint a picture of the answer!

Speak the Word like you take medicine...with diligence and regularity.

Let's finish our course with joy!

Hebrews 12:1-2 “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² 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.”

Keep an attentive, expectant, steady, and absorbing gaze on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of your faith.

Believing is seeing yourself in Christ in His death... and triumphant resurrection with the eyes of your heart.

Let your faith take hold of this truth – that... If you were crucified with Christ, then you were also raised and lifted up with Him.

7 Confessions of Faith

1. Jesus became a curse for me on the cross. He paid the price for my sin, sickness, guilt, and shame (**John 3:14-16**).
2. With an attentive, steady, expectant, and absorbent gaze, I keep my eyes on Jesus (**Numbers 21:8,9**).
3. I have been crucified, raised, and lifted up with Him. I choose to keep my heart centered on God's Word. (**2 Corinthians 4:18; Proverbs 4:20-23**).
4. As I look into the mirror of the Word of God, I am changed. Thank You, Jesus, for healing me and setting me free! (**James 1:23-25**).
5. The Blood of Jesus is the Blood of the everlasting covenant which is in force for me for all eternity. (**Hebrews 13:20**)
6. Through the shedding of Blood of Jesus I now have healing and health in my body because Jesus bore my griefs, sicknesses, diseases, weaknesses, distresses and pains. By His stripes I am healed. (**Isaiah 53:4-5; I Peter 2:24; Matthew 8:16-17; Galatians 3:13-14**)
7. The blood of Jesus purges me of every defilement of the enemy. The blood of Jesus keeps and guards my mind day and night. The blood of Jesus prevents deception and aborts every attempt of the enemy to deceive me. The blood of Jesus is my divine covering and protection against all the fiery darts of the evil one. Yes, the Blood of Jesus is alive! So full of life and grace, it perfects that which concerneth me, reconciling everything in me to the perfect will of God every day and in every way.