

## THE CROSS OF JESUS ACCOMPLISHES EXACTLY WHAT GOD INTENDED

God intended from before time began to save those who turn to God in faith and believe the gospel. John 3:14-18

1 Timothy 4:10   Galatians 3:22   1 Corinthians 1:21   2 Timothy 1:9

The universal provision of the cross of Christ is different from the individual acceptance of the cross. The provision has been made for the removal of sin for the whole world through Christ's death. Sin has been defeated by the cross and sin will be removed from all creation. But the benefit of Christ's death for an individual is not received until he believes and is born of the Spirit.

Old Testament examples show forth the provision of the cross and the application of the cross.

The Passover lamb of Exodus 12 was provided for all of Israel but did not guarantee benefit except for all who applied the blood to the door post. The blood itself did not save anyone. The blood, applied, saved through belief in God's promise.

The bronze serpent of Numbers 21 was a provision for anyone who would look at it by faith. Any person who refused to look by faith at the bronze serpent would not receive life even though they could have. They were provided for, but only believers received the benefit.

John 3:14,15 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.

There is a difference in the provision of the shed blood of Christ and the application of that blood to the believer. The provision of the shed blood of Christ will eventually redeem all creation from sin. But only those who by faith apply the blood will be saved from sin and inherit eternal life. You must be born again.

John 3:3,7,18,36

The Man, sinless Jesus, died on the cross so that He would have the right as humanity's Second Adam to remove all sin and death from Creation. If you will believe Jesus and call upon Him desiring to have your sin removed, He will make you into a new creation and begin the process of removing your sin. Jesus will save you from your sin and give you eternal life.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him will not perish (will not fail to have his sin removed), but have eternal life.

**Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

**Believe on the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world because He is the Son of God. The eternal Son of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He died and rose again that we may live with Him. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:9,10**