

# How To Receive the Benefits of the Atonement

## PART 1

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Our message focuses on how we may receive the full benefits of Jesus' work on the Cross.

We can never find out too much or see too clearly what Jesus did for us on the Cross. In fact, a real comprehension of that work on the Cross would deliver us out of any trouble or distress we were in, and the Bible makes that very plain.

When the Israelites went out of the land of Egypt on the Passover night, they only depended on a type of the Blood of Christ, and yet when they saw the meaning of that blood. They were fully protected from that terrible pestilence that went through the land of Egypt, whereas in every home of the Egyptians where the blood was not on the door, there was sorrow, trouble, and death.

In addition, every one of those Israelites was made perfectly well in body when they got under the blood of the lamb, and they were also loaded down with rich financial blessings and were delivered forever from the bondage of Egypt.

Exodus 12:12-13 *"For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt."*

Psalm 105:37 *"He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes."* (Psalm 105:37)

Then in the wilderness, when the Israelites murmured against Moses, God sent fiery serpents among the people, so that many of them died.

Then God told Moses to make a polished brass serpent and hang it on a pole, which would be a type of Christ on the Cross, and when anyone looked at the brass serpent on the pole, they were immediately healed and also delivered from the sin that allowed those serpents to come.

Numbers 21:5-9 *"And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole; and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived."* (Numbers 21: 5-9)

The Blood of Jesus Christ has done the same for us. (John 3: 14, 15) The Blood has delivered us out of all our troubles and has taken away everything that God could have had against us and given us a full pardon as well as cleansing of sin and has also placed God and His entire power, love and mercy at our side and service. He is enlisted to work for us to the utmost of His ability and is more desirous to work for us than a loving mother is for her children.

If we were so anxious for people to be delivered out of their troubles and to be made perfectly happy that we would give the life of an only son so the way might be opened for them to be delivered, that is how anxious God is to do everything He possibly can to make us perfectly happy.

Many times, in our early Christian life, we may have been tempted to think that God was not quite as willing to deliver people today as He was in Bible times, and that it is a little harder to get prayers answered now than it was when Jesus was here on earth.

However, we are free moral people, and a free moral person has the power to shut out the most loving gifts and favors that anyone could bestow upon another. This is not an arbitrary rule. Our power of choice could hinder the most loving parent or friend from helping us.

We should see clearly that the Blood of Christ has taken out of the way everything that God had, or ever could have against us. It has been an all-sufficient sacrifice to reconcile God to us and us to God, and His entire service, without any reservation whatever, is enlisted for us. Anything we will permit Him to do, He will do, even to the utmost of His ability.

Now Satan has deceived and robbed the entire so-called Christian world of all the benefits of the Blood of Christ. This is a very serious matter. The troubles of this life are hard to bear, without having eternal trouble. Many a person has said: "There is no Lake of Fire at all, because I have had enough trouble here on earth to be sufficient for me, and I am sure I have been punished enough for my sins; there will not be any be any punishment hereafter."

It is true that there are sorrows, diseases, and troubles in this life that seem unbearable and drive many people to premature graves, but the Lake of Fire is a reality. It is hard to realize and believe sometimes, but it is true nevertheless that those who die without a knowledge of God and a full surrender to His Will, will surely go there.

