



# *Pastor's Comments*

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## **Look & Live!**

A ship strayed into a terrible storm while crossing the Atlantic and one of the masts, supporting booms and rigging, snapped. The captain called men to cut away the mast. Among those put to the task was a tough sinful sailor who greatly resented the assignment and spoke vehemently against God. While working at the snapped mast, the ship hit a succession of waves, and the sailor was swept overboard. The sailor was a good swimmer, but the storm was fierce. Soon the man was exhausted. The thought that came to him was, "Lost forever!" Words of a song he had heard as a child also flashed through his mind: "There's **life for a look** at the crucified One. There's life at this moment for thee. **Look sinner, look unto Him and be saved**—unto Him Who was nailed to the tree."

"O God, **I look...I look to Jesus!**" the exhausted man cried. Almost immediately he was carried on the top of a wave. He lost consciousness. The storm ended, and a crew was cleaning up. The missing man was found. While one wave had carried him overboard, evidently another had tossed him back. On regaining consciousness during treatment, his first words were, "**Thank God, I'm saved!**" He was saved from something more than the briny deep! He meant that he had been **saved from his sins** when he **looked to Jesus!**

John 3 refers to those who were saved from certain death **by a look** at a God-prescribed symbol—a brazen serpent on a pole (Num. 21:4-9). "**Even so** must the **Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life**" (John 3:14-15). Today, **we are saved from sin by a look** at the God-prescribed remedy: Christ, who bore our sins on the cross of Calvary. What the sailor received is yours, **for the look of faith!**

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