



# Pastor's Comments

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### Understand or Just Accept?

Must you **understand** everything about God and salvation in order to be saved from sin? Absolutely no! You only need to **accept** God's provision for salvation. The fact is that you **accept** the concepts of time and space without **fully understanding** them. Imagine traveling in a spaceship at the speed of light. Would you eventually come to an end in space? But then ... what is after that? Our minds **cannot comprehend** infinity, **yet we accept** it. The same is true of time. If we could go back in time to the beginning of all matter, the question is, "What was before then?" Our minds **can't grasp** the infinity of time, **yet we accept** it. Of course, the only answer to time and matter is God! He always existed and He created everything just as the Bible says in John 1:3, "*All things were made by him.*"

Nicodemus did not **understand** the spiritual concept of being "*born again*" and asked, "*How can these things be?*" (John 3:9). Jesus responded, "*As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up*" (John 3:9, 14). Surely those bitten by the snakes in Numbers 21:4-9 **did not understand** how they could be cured by simply **accepting** God's provision and **looking** at the brass serpent hanging on the pole. So it is with us—**we may not understand**, but **we must accept** Jesus Christ, Who died upon the cross as God's provision for our salvation, and **look to Him** for the forgiveness of our sins. "*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever believeth in him** should not perish, but have everlasting life*" (John 3:16). "*But as many as **received** him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that **believe** on his name*" (John 1:12).

**Note:** I invite you to hear **Missionary to Botswana, Africa, Pat Mahar** this Sunday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m.