

Infinite One -- bore the sins of all who would believe on His name. It tells us that He who knew no sin was made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. Other men have died; thousands have even been crucified. No one of them could even bear his own sin, much less make an atonement for anyone else. But Jesus Christ said that He, if He be lifted up, would draw all men unto Himself. He said that He was like the brazen serpent lifted up in the wilderness. When a man looked at the brazen serpent, he was healed from the poison of the serpent that had bit him. Jesus Christ declared that He Himself, by His sacrifice on the cross, would bear the sins of all who look to Him with faith.

If an ordinary man should make such tremendous claims, we would probably consider them as simply the ravings of a maniac. In the case of Jesus, God raised Him from the dead. His resurrection is the proof that what He said ^{is} ~~was~~ true. His resurrection shows the acceptance of His sacrifice. Because He rose, we who believe on Him can know that His death has fully atoned for all our sins.

His Promises Are Sure

Not only does the resurrection of Christ prove that what He said about Himself and about His sacrifice is true; it also shows that His promises are certain to be fulfilled. He promised us the wonderful gift of justification through His atonement for our sins. He went beyond that and promised that we would be sanctified, so that we would eventually become like Him. We struggle against sin and are overcome. We arise, and then fall to earth again. But He has promised that He Himself, having begun a good work in us, will never stop until it is completed. We can rest in Him and know that our sanctification will ultimately be