

The Sanctuary – Court Pt. II (Type /Antitype of the Gospel)

ST Series 02

“In the Beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.”

That God is revealed in the things that He has made, and that **creation**, which manifests God's power, also presents **the cross**, because **the cross of Christ is the power of God**, and God is made known by it. What have we?--This, that the power it took to create the world, and all things that are in it,--the power that is exerted to keep all things in existence,--is the power that saves those who trust in it. **This is the power of the cross**. So the power of the cross, by which alone salvation comes, is the power that creates, and that *continues to work in all creation*. But when God creates a thing, it is "very good;" so in Christ, in His cross, there is "**a new creation**." "We are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them." Eph.2:10, R.V. It is **in the cross that this new creation is wrought**, for its power is the power by which "*in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth*." - The Glad Tidings, EJ Waggoner p.140

Redemption is **creation**, creation through **the cross**. In the cross we find **the complete and perfect works of God** and **we are clothed with them**. –ibid p.141

Jeremiah 30:21 -...their Governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the Lord.

John 3:13 – And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, the Son of man which is in heaven.

I. Who then Initiates our Salvation? God or Me?

(Focus on the Diagram: Jesus Leaves Heavenly Temple) - in support of above passages)

John 16:7,8 – tells us that the Spirit of God convicts us. So under the typology, the Israelite sinned, who convicted him that he violated the 10 Commandments, God's law of love? This happened before he brought his lamb to be slain at the courtyard.

OBJECTIVE FACTS OF THE GOSPEL

- God put whole human race “In Christ” at incarnation. {Eph.1:4-10}
- God wrought out the obedience of every man, woman and child, “In Christ” throughout His life at every level of development. {Heb.2:10,11; 4:15; 5:7-9}
- Adam’s condemnation was reversed “In Christ” at the Cross; every human received a verdict of acquittal at the cross (Justification). {Rom.5:15-19}
- God raised us up “In Christ” and made us sit together in the heavenlies. {Hosea 6:1-3; Eph.2:4-6}
- God’s Righteousness (the righteousness of the law) was already fulfilled “In Christ” during His life, for He assumed our fallen sinful flesh. {Rom.8:3; Matt.5:17}

SUBJECTIVE EXPERIENCE OF THE GOSPEL

- “Christ in You” is the ongoing experience of (sanctification).
- Only Believers can experience “Christ in you” through the new birth.
- “Christ in you” involves the cooperation of believers who by faith are walking in the Spirit.

II. The Altar of Sacrifice (Courtyard)

- a) Horns of the Altar – blood smeared on the horns indicates the power of forgiveness (pardon) by “the Lamb” (Hab.3:4; Rev.5:6)
- b) Victims Bound to the Horns of the Altar – victims were killed on “the side of the altar northward before the Lord (Lev.1:5,11). But when too crowded, the victims might temporarily have been tethered to the altar’s horns (Ps.118.27).
The Christian should keep himself continually bound by the cords of love to God’s altar, the cross of Calvary. We should hold our possessions to the altar and parents should “bind their children” to the altar.

- c) Illuminating Names Given to the Altar –The name “**altar of burnt-offering**” (Exod.30.28) from the Hebrew ‘**to ascend**’, called to mind the cloud of smoke on which the worshiper imagined the appeal of the victim’s life winging its way to God. As evidence of completed immolation, God savored this smoke with sweet satisfaction, “**rest**” or **fulfillment** (Gen 8:20,21, margin). Three days after the Saviour had offered Himself upon the altar of the cross, He too, “**ascended up on high**,” to hear from His Father’s lips the assurance that His sacrifice was acceptable.
- d) Implements and Utensils Used at the Altar – Six implements used at the altar were also made of copper (Ex.27:3). They consisted of
- 1) Knives for slaughtering and cutting up the sacrifice
 - 2) Basins for catching and holding the blood
 - 3) Flesh-hooks for arranging victims parts on the flaming logs
 - 4) Rakes and shovels—for sifting and removing ashes
 - 5) Fire pans called “censers” (Ex.38:3; Numb 16:17)
 - 6) “Snuff dishes” or coal pans (Ex.27:3; Lev 16:12)

To remove the ashes from under the altar grid the priest was required to dress in white robes similar to those worn on the Day of Atonement. Ashes “signify that a whole and ample sacrifice (4T 121) has been made. In fact, the Hebrew word “accept” means “turned to ashes” (Ps.20:3, margin). These ashes thus stood as a monument to the victim’s complete immolation and acceptance before the Lord.

- III. The Laver - We will discuss next meeting...but until then here is your homework assignment: Read Romans 6:1-11 & 1 Cor 10:1-4 and Exodus 30:17-21 prayerfully. For those who want to dig deeper, pull out your concordance and look up all the “water” texts in the Gospel of John. Remember, Type gives way to Antitype all through the Sanctuary.