

BRAZEN ALTAR



"cleansing by blood"

Vessels in outer court:

a. Altar - animal sacrifice cleansing by blood = The CROSS (salvation)

b. Laver - cleansing by water (removing character flaws) Neither cleansing is enough alone
- a double cleansing is needed

Heb 10:22; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, **having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.**

John 3:5; Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

What is cleansed by blood and how?

Heb 9:14-16; **How much more shall the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?** And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

What = conscience - (defiled by sin guilt) - sin - leads to guilt (aware of the wrath of God)

How cleansed = by blood of Christ due to wages of sin = death - life is in the blood -

Christ's death paid sin debt Christ's resurrection provided life! Evidence = death has taken place = penalty paid

The conscience may now be cleansed and free.

I Jn 2:1-2; My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: **And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**

Heb 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ cleanse the conscience to serve..."

We may come only on the basis of the "blood of Christ." That is why "... the body that thou hast prepared for me..." (Heb 10:4) was sacrificed. How did this sacrifice differ from the OT sacrifices?

OT---- CHRIST

1. animal---- human body

(What did animal know about sin?)

Many people today want to live like animals. Humanist do not believe in sin and want to live by instinct. SINS are not just "bad deeds" but transgressions against God's HOLY LAW. As man loses his sense of sinning against God, he begins to live like an animal (he loses his relationship and responsibility to God.) This is from a creature created to do God's will for God's pleasure! Only one human body (Christ's) came to do the will of God. At Gethsemane Christ would say "Not my will, but thy will be done."

Heb 10:1; For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, **can never with those sacrifices** which they offered year by year continually **make the comers thereunto perfect.**

Heb 9:9; Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, **that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience.**

The law and animal sacrifices could not clear conscience of guilt. The must be repeated year by year "remembrance of sin" = legal term used by God/Judge - He looks His into ledger book and says "guilty sinner" = remembrance

Heb 10:9-12; Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. **By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.** And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: **But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;**

David had forgiveness but not "conscience made perfect" and could not go into "holy of holies". Yet now under the New Covenant, the conscience is cleansed once for all! **Why is Christ's cleansing good after only one time? The righteous judge will never** bring up sin charges again to one cleansed by His blood.

Heb 10:14-19; For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; **And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.** Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Christ

Has Christ made your conscience perfect? Do you have complete forgiveness of sins. **Setting people free is the true gospel.** It produces a conscience made free.