

The Courtyard

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Education Starts at Home / Justification; Sanctuary; Sacrifice in the OT / Romans 5:12–21; Galatians 2:15–21; 2 Corinthians 5:12–21

Forgiveness and Faith in Christ is the first step to transformation in Christ.

Introduction

Here's the bad news. We're born sinners. Read Psalms 51:5, Romans 3:23 and Jeremiah 17:9

But here's the Good News. Jesus Saves! Matthew 19:25-26, John 3:16,17

Jesus died the death that we deserve, so that we can live the life that he deserves.

The Door

Entering through the door can be the most difficult decision to make.

A lot of people have the idea that Salvation and the laws of God are going to suffocate us and deprive us from fun and fulfillment. However, it's a way to protect us from being stolen by the chaos in the world.

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The altar of sacrifice.

It's not easy to accept that you live because your guilt was passed onto someone else. We call this, denial.

English Standard Version Chapter 9

23 And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me

Read Leviticus 4:1-3 - If the priest sins, he must bring the prized bull of the cattle.

Read Leviticus 4:13-14 - If Israel sins, they must bring the prized bull

Read Leviticus 4:22-23 - If a leader sins, they bring a male goat.

Read Leviticus 4:27-32 - Common people bring a female goat or lamb.

Do you think the people at this time understood the cost?

Hebrews 10:2-4: "But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins."

Take a moment to reflect right now, that the King of Heaven and Earth, gave up everything to make sure that we can enter His presence with confidence.

The New King James Version Chapter 9

11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

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The laver

There's a misconception that when you accept that Jesus forgives you, then that's that! Often phrased, "Once saved, always saved." Not only is this not true, it undermines the power of the gospel.

Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

2 Corinthians 3:18 “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

The laver suggests a washing and purification process. Before entering into the Holy place, the washing first takes place. Where does the washing come from? The washing of the word! Ephesians 5:26 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

Mark 16:16 “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”

Romans 6:1-4 “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

Conclusion

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What is your response to Christ today? Do you accept your sinful state. But more importantly, do you accept the righteousness of Christ to take over your life?