

Preparing for Translation



1 Cor 15:51

1 Thes 4:17

"We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed." "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

"Evidence on every hand declares that Christ is soon coming in power and great glory. The living righteous will be translated from this earth without tasting death. What a glorious experience!"

Those who will be translated must have perfect Christian characters. They will have no sin in them, for they will be complete overcomers. This little tract, reader, is not written to tell you that you must be entirely perfected in character to meet Jesus; it is written to tell you how to be perfected - simply and briefly.

Ps 77:13
Ex 25:8
Heb 8:1-5

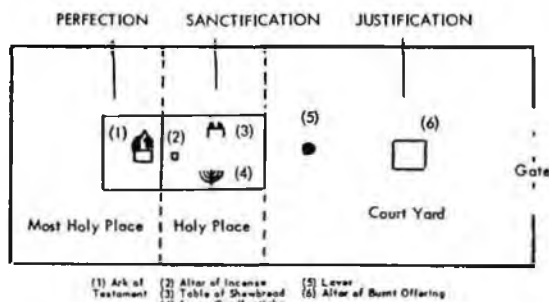
"Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary."
When God brought the Hebrews out of the land of Egypt, He gave them a little model sanctuary to represent His vast heavenly temple. This model sanctuary, as sketched in this tract, was a ritual given to the Hebrews to shadow forth the way of salvation in Jesus Christ, and to teach them the way of repentance, forgiveness, and obedience. It was a simple and beautiful illustration of the gospel, and although the ceremonial law has met its fulfillment in Christ, truths of eternal importance are shadowed forth in the ritual.

Ex 29:38-42
Lev 4:27-29

Morning and evening a lamb was offered upon the altar in the court yard to provide a way of atonement for every sinner in the camp. Each day the repentant sinner came through the gate, and presented his own sin-offering beside the altar, confessing his sins upon the head of the innocent offering, and seeking pardon for sin. He could go no further than the outer court in person, but the priest entered daily into the holy place on his behalf, - offering up the sweet incense upon the altar which was before the most holy place, lighting the seven lamps, and keeping a fresh supply of unleavened bread upon the table.

Lev 16

Then once a year the High Priest entered the most holy place, where the ark of the ten commandments was situated. This was called the day of atonement, the cleansing of the Sanctuary or the judgment day. It was a most solemn occasion. While the whole congregation gathered about the sanctuary with prayer, fasting, and deep searching of heart, the High Priest took the blood of a special sin-offering into the most holy place and blotted out the sins of Israel. When this last solemn service in the sanctuary was finished, the High Priest appeared in the outer court



Rom 3:23
Eph 2:3
Rom 8:7
Jer 13:23

John 1:29
Mark 10:45
Gal 1:4
1 Pet 1:18-19
2 Cor 5:21

Is 1:18
Is 61:10
Acts 2:38

Rom 2:4
Hos 11:4
John 12:32
John 10:1

1 John 1:9

Matt 5:23-24
Lev 6:4-6

Prov 23:26

Prov 18:24
Matt 13:45-46
Phil 3:7-10
Gal 2:20,6:14
Rom 12:1

Jer 17:9
Rom 6:6-7

Rom 8:9-13
Ex 40:30-32
Ezek. 36:25

in his glorious robes, and blessed the waiting congregation.

We will now use this symbolism of the sanctuary service to illustrate the steps that you must take to Christian perfection, so that you will be ready to meet your great High Priest when He returns from the heavenly sanctuary to bless His waiting people with eternal life. This way of salvation in Jesus is so simple that even a child may understand.

1. **Justification:** You are a sinner, for God's word says "all have sinned." Your heart is evil and you cannot change it. But if you will look through the gate into the outer court of the sanctuary you will see the altar of sacrifice. This represents Calvary. Here Jesus died for you. He loved you and gave himself for you. He paid the price for your sins, and now He waits to give you something far, far better in return - His robe of righteousness.

If you will only step by faith inside that gate, you will be surrounded by the beautiful white linen of the outer court. This represents to you Christ's spotless robe of innocence. That gate is repentance. Friend, won't you come in? Won't you allow the love of Jesus Christ to draw you in? It is cold outside, but the fold is warm. But, remember, come through the gate. It is the only way in. Only thieves and robbers try some other way.

Once inside the gate, you will find Jesus, the Lamb of God, waiting to take all your guilt as you confess it all to him. Only remember that if you have aught against your brother, hasten off to make restitution before you bring your gift to the altar. And friend, do not just give your sins to Christ; give Him yourself, your will, your heart. He is your best friend. He gave all for you. Won't you give all for Him? This is what it means to be crucified with Christ, to die with



Him upon the altar of sacrifice. That old nature of yours is desperately wicked. If you die with Christ, you will be freed from sin.

Now that you have died to self and sin, you pass to the laver and are buried with Him

Tit 3:5-7
Heb 10:22
Rom 6:4-7
Rom 3:24
4:1-8

Heb 6:1
2 Pet 3:18
2 Pet 2:20-22

Heb 6:19-20
Heb 10:19-22

Ex 30:1-10

1 Cor 13

Rom 5:5
Song 8:7

Rev 5:8
Rev 8:3-4
John 16:23-24
Heb 7:25

Ps 143:8
Is 50:4-5
John 6:35-63
1 Peter 2:2,3
Ex 25:23-30
Job 23:12
Ez 33:31
Jas 1:22-23
Matt 7:21-27

John 16:13

Ex 40:25
Rev 4:5
Heb 8:10
Ps 40:8

Ex 36:27
1 Jhn 3:9
Eph 3:17
Rom 8:9

in baptism so that you might rise to walk with Him in newness of life. Thus you have entered the experience of the outer court. This is justification by faith - the free gift of God through Jesus Christ your Lord.



2. **Sanctification:** Some make the grave mistake of thinking that the Christian experience ends in the outer court. Little wonder that they do not grow in grace, but lose the precious experience that they once enjoyed. Let not this be your experience. Enter by faith with Jesus into the sanctuary.



Upon the altar of incense burns the sacred fire. This represents the love of God which must be kindled upon the altar of your heart. Without love, nothing else avails. Pray that this love may be shed abroad in your heart. It is the most precious experience that can come to any person. Upon this altar in the sanctuary Jesus offers up incense before the Father. This is both the prayers of His people and His own merits which alone can make the worship of sinful beings acceptable in God's sight. Are your prayers and your praises to God and to the Lamb, ascending with the cloud of incense, friend?

Fellowship with God is not a one-sided conversation. He speaks to us through His Word. This is the Living Bread upon which you must



feast if you are to grow up into Christ. This is represented by the table of shew-bread on the north side of the sanctuary. Eating the Word of God was more

important to Job than necessary food. But remember that eating not only means hearing the Word, but also implicitly obeying its infallible instruction.

In order that you may understand the Word, Christ has promised you the Holy Spirit. (See those seven lamps of fire casting light upon the Bread). It is by the spirit that God writes his law in your mind and in your heart so that your highest joy will be found in obedience to His will. It is by the Spirit that your heart is made pure, and then kept from sin. If the Spirit of Christ



Jn 17:17
1 Thess 4:3

1 Cor 3:16
Matt 5:16
25:7-8

John 15:4

Phil 3:12
Rev 14:1-5

Heb 6:19-20
Heb 10:19-22

Heb 9:7
Mark 13:13
Lev 16
Dan 7:9-13
Dan 8:14
Rev 14:7
1 Pet 4:17
Heb 10:19-23
1 Jhn 4:17
Lev 23:27-29
Joel 2:12-17
1 Jhn 3:4
Rev 11:19
Deut 10:1-5
Ps 111:7-8
Jas 2:10-12
Eccl 12:13,14

Rev 12:17
14:12
Rev 22:14
1 John 2:3-4
Ex 20:8-11
Ps 51:17
Phil 3:9
Heb 9:24
Lev 16
Lev 16:30

Heb 9:7
Heb 10:1-4
Acts 3:19
Heb 10:14
Rev 7:2-3

Heb 10:14
Joel 2:15-17
Lev 16:30
Zech 3:1-5
Dan 7:26
Acts 3:19
Is 4:2-4
Mal 3:1-3
Joel 2:25
Jer 17:1
Eph 3:19

dwells in your heart, then the lamps of your soul-temple will be trimmed and burning, too, shedding light to those around you.

Why not enter daily into this experience of abiding in Christ through prayer, study of His Word, and the keeping power of His Holy Spirit. This is sanctification - also God's free gift through Jesus Christ your Lord.

3. *Perfection:* Now there is one more step necessary before you are ready for translation from this earth without tasting death. You must enter the most holy place of the sanctuary by faith. Remember, it is only those who endure to the end who will be saved. The judgment of God's people takes place in the most holy place, and God's Word says, "The hour of His judgment is come." As you follow your High Priest in this solemn work of judgment, you must search your heart to put away all sin from your life. "Sin is the transgression of the law." See the ark of the testament in the most holy place. It contains the ten commandments, the eternal, perfect, and immutable law of God. By this standard of righteousness you are to be judged. Check up and see if you are transgressing any one of those holy precepts. Come before the judgment with a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart. This God will not despise. Trust not in your own righteousness, but in Jesus only, for He stands in the presence of God for you.



This is called the great day of atonement, because it is the day of final cleansing for God's people - a time when their sins will be blotted out for eternity. Those who will cooperate with their High Priest in this great work in the most holy place will be purged so that they will have no more conscience or remembrance of sin. It will be blotted out of their minds forever, and they will be perfected.

If you are sanctified in Christ, Jesus will perfect you forever as He stands for you in the judgment. He will do this in your heart by sending you the latter rain (that means the Holy Spirit in the greatest power possible), and through the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit, sin will be blotted out of your conscience and out of your remembrance. It is the latter rain that will make up for all the damaging effects of sin upon your mind, and restore to your soul all the spiritual powers lost in consequence of sin's dwarfing power. It will

Eph 4:30
Rev 7:2-3
Rev 14:1-5
Zech 10:1
Mark 4:28-29
Joel 2:23
28-30
Rev 14:14-16
Eph 5:27



Is 60:1-3
Is 40:5
Acts 3:19
Rev 18:1
Joel 2:28-32
Matt 24:14
Rev 22:11

Is 59:16
Dan 12:1-2
Rev 15:8
Rev 3:10-12
Rev 7:1-3
Rev 16
Ps 91:10
Ps 27:5
Lev 16:22
Jer 30:5-7
Heb 10:17-18
Rev 7:14
Rev 3:21
1 John 3:9

Rev 18:8
Rev 1:7
1 Cor 15:51-55
1 Thess 4:15-17
Phil 3:21

Rev 22:4

Rom 13:11-12
Rev 3:8
Acts 2:1
Joel 2:15-17
Zeph 2:1-3
Acts 3:19
Ps 16:11

fill your life with the full presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, and seal His perfection in your life forever. Have you ever seen what the last

showers of rain do for a crop of wheat? It ripens the grain and prepares it for the reaping. So the last rain of the Spirit, God's crowning act of redeeming grace, will complete the work of grace in your soul and bring your character to perfection.

Such a mighty baptism of the Holy Spirit will fill God's people with the glory of God, and those who enjoy this refreshing experience of sins blotted out will lighten the whole earth with the glory of the gospel message. Like fire in the stubble, the last message of mercy will sweep to all the world. Then Jesus can throw down His censor in the sanctuary and declare, "It is done."

When Jesus leaves the sanctuary, there will be no mediator between God and sinful man. Only those who are entirely perfect, without any taint of sin upon them, will stand in this awful hour. During this time the seven last plagues will fall upon all who have not the seal of God. But no plague will come nigh the dwelling of the righteous. They will be protected. Satan will do his uttermost to cause them to sin, and if the saints would then commit one sin they would be forever lost. But through the blood of Christ they will have overcome every sin and defect of character, and they will have tasted so deeply of salvation that nothing could ever entice them to sin again. They will be sealed.

The plagues will last but a short time, for quickly Jesus will come in the clouds of heaven to redeem His people. The graves will be opened, and the righteous dead will come forth with the glory of immortal youth. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, the vile bodies of the waiting saints will be changed; they will put on immortality and ascend with their Lord to see God face to face. Friends, this time is almost here. Probation will soon close. Won't you unite with God's true people who are gathering at the sanctuary, and with them plead for the blotting out of sins and latter rain, so that you might enter into His presence where there is fullness of joy and at Whose right hand are pleasures forever more?

Why not take your Bible and look up the texts? This will provide you with a thrilling study. Feel free to write to us at anytime. We would enjoy hearing from you, as we have other tracts and books.

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