

Sacrifice of the Substitute

• Hebrews 9:28 • Galatians 3:13 • John 11:51, 52
 Jesus, before the Creation, became the **Lamb of God** that takes away the sins of the world (Rev 13:8; John 1:29). Jesus' death abolished the enmity, the middle wall that separated mankind from God, and thus made peace in Himself, with God and humanity once again (Ephesians 2:14, 15).

Reconciliation & Justification

Jesus' works under the first phase of the Plan of Redemption resulted in our reconciliation to the Father and the **Justification** of all who come to Jesus by faith. Justification involves the pardoning and cleansing of past sins such that the one justified stands blameless before God, and reconciled to God by faith in the shed blood of Christ. The death of Christ made this gift available to all of humanity (2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Rom 3:23-28, 2:13, 4:1-5, 21-25, 5:18; Isa 45:22-25; Acts 13:37-39; 1 John 1:9).

Phase II (A.D.31-1844) - Ministry of Intercession

The works of Christ, presented in the second phase of the Plan of Redemption, have all occurred in heaven, but were enacted in type by the priests in the first compartment, the Holy Place of the Inner Court. Forty days after Jesus' resurrection, He ascended to heaven as the **First Fruit** from the grave to consecrate the temple with His own blood (1 Cor 15:21). He then assumed His new role of **King of Grace** and **High Priest** for the sons of God (Acts 1:3; Col 1:18; John 1:14; Heb 4:14-16, 9:16-24). As High Priest within the first compartment of the antitypical heavenly tabernacle, Christ

universe are the themes of the Plan of Redemption covered in this study. The earthly sanctuary and its services were designed to give men an understanding of God's Plan of Redemption through types and symbols. The daily and annual sacrificial rites leading to the final day of judgment and cleansing, the **Day of Atonement**, traced a progressive timeline in three phases, forecasting Jesus' works in the Plan of Redemption. The three stages of Jesus' work, confirmed in both Scripture and through historical events, give evidence of God's perfect wisdom and His love towards humanity.

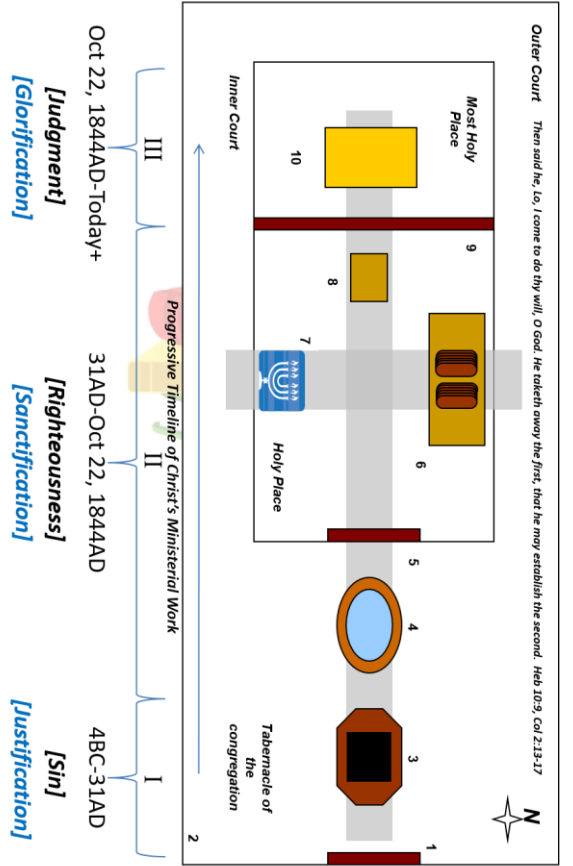
Phase I (4B.C.-A.D.31) - Payment for Sin

The works of Christ presented in the first phase of the Plan of Redemption have all occurred upon the earth and were similarly enacted in type by the priests in the Outer Court of the earthly tabernacle. The incarnation of Christ, His sinless life, leading to His death, burial, and resurrection comprised the first of His works typified in the earthly sanctuary. Almighty God becoming flesh, and dwelling among men, remains a wonder (Isaiah 9:6, 7) that fulfilled the following facets of the Plan of Redemption:

Provision of a Substitute

• Gen 22:7, 8 • Matt 1:18-23 • Heb 2:14-18 • John 3:16
 Jesus' incarnation (fall of 4B.C.) and sinless life enabled Him to become the only Substitute qualified to ransom the human race from the curse of the law. Jesus, though fully God, became fully man, remained free from sin, and became the **Second Adam** in order to pay the debt humanity owed the law for sin (John 1:14; Heb 10:4-10; 1 Cor. 15:45-57).

The Sanctuary & it's Services – God's Plan of Redemption in Symbols & Types



The Bible reveals the mysteries of God, His divine wisdom, and His love for humanity through the **Plan of Redemption**. God's love, shown through the Creation story, is predated by an equally miraculous work that is still being unfolded for the benefit of humanity. In the ill-fated event that humanity should fail God's one test of loyalty, love, and obedience in the Garden of Eden, God offered the Plan of Redemption. The Plan made provision for a **Kinsman Redeemer**; One Who would deliver humanity from the ravages of sin and its resulting curse of eternal separation from God, the **Second Death**. The Bible gives insight to a divine council called the **Counsel of Peace** between God the Father, and God the Son, before the creation of our world (Zech 6:13; Ezek 37:26-28; Eph 1:3-10). A sacred covenant between Father and Son would satisfy the perfect and just law, whose righteous payment for sin would require the death of the human race; while simultaneously showing life-saving mercy to the same human race (Rom 7:12; Psalm 19:7, 8; Gen 2:17). The amazing terms for fulfilling this agreement were that God would become One with His creation in order to bear the *curse of sin* upon Himself, and to offer the gift of *redemption and reconciliation* to the human race (Gen 22:8; 2 Cor 5:18-21, 8:9; Gal 3:13, 14; 1 Peter 1:18-20). God's acts of selfless love will be the study of the redeemed for ages to come! Indeed, **justice** towards the immutable law of God and **mercy** towards humankind kissed at the cross of Jesus Christ (Ps 85:10). The divine mystery of selfless love, God's righteousness, and the ultimate removal of sin from the

fulfilled the following facets of the Plan of Redemption:

Intercession & Mediation

Jesus Christ, Mediator of the New Covenant that is established by His sinless life, His shed blood leading to death, and guaranteed by His resurrection, has become our eternal High Priest. He stands before the Father on-behalf of, and as One of humanity (Rom 8:34; Heb 4:14-16; 8:1-13).

Appeasement (Propitiation) for Sin

Jesus' mediation and intercession with His own blood, shed once for sin, satisfies payment for the sins of all people, past and present, for all times, who come to Him for forgiveness by faith. (Hebrews 9:11-28, 10:12-14; 1 John 2:1, 2).

Cleansing & Sanctification

Jesus, through His shed blood and the power of the Holy Spirit, purges the sins of the penitent, and consecrates them to be a royal priesthood and a holy nation before the world. We are called to live above sin by Jesus' overcoming faith, the **faith of Jesus Christ**. However, should we stumble and fall, Jesus extends His grace and covers the penitent with His own righteousness (Heb 9:13, 14; 1 Peter 2:9; Isaiah 61:10, 11; Ezek 36:25-27; John 8:1-11; Rom 1:16, 17; 1 Cor 6:11).

Phase III (A.D.1844-Today+) - Ministry of Judgment

The works of Christ presented in the third and final phase of the Plan of Redemption are occurring today in heaven. These were enacted in type by the High Priest on the Day of Atonement in the second compartment of the Inner Court, the Most Holy Place. Jesus stands today as both **Judge**,

presiding over the heavenly tribunal, and **High Priest** for the righteous, those who have accepted the sacrifice of Christ. With the completion of judgment, He will return to earth as **King of Glory** to receive [gather-in] His Kingdom (Matthew 25:31, 32). However, as Judge and High Priest, Jesus is fulfilling the following works of the Plan of Redemption:

Atonement

As High Priest of The Everlasting Covenant, Jesus makes atonement for the faithful by blotting out all records of confessed sins with His blood. Concurrently, the names of those who refuse victory over sin by the faith of Jesus, are blotted out of the *Book of Life*, and guilt is pronounced upon them for future payment (Ex 32:33; Rev 3:5).

Dispossession of Sin

The death of Christ satisfies the just requirements of the law in terms of payment for the sins of the righteous. However, the unpaid debt of sin for the wicked, including Satan and his demons, will be made in the *Lake of Fire*, the **Second Death**, following the post millennial third appearance of Christ to the earth (Rev 20:5-15; Matthew 25:41; Jeremiah 18:23).

Purification & Glorification

Jesus' final works in the Plan of Redemption are the:

- Purification and sealing of the righteous so that they eternally stand blameless with no record of sin
- Granting the righteous at Jesus' Second Coming, a glorified body like Christ's, perfect and free from sin
- Eradication of sin and evil from the universe with the complete destruction of Satan and the wicked

- Purification of the earth in the New Creation (Jude 9, 24; 1 Cor 1:4-8, 15:45-54; Rev 20:11-15, 21:1-7)

Q: *What is the harm in reasoning that Christ's works in the Plan of Redemption were fully completed at Calvary?*

A: The Plan of Redemption would be incomplete without a means for humanity to grow in Christ through *sanctification*. Sanctification demonstrates to the world the power of God to subdue sin in the lives of those who were once sinful. In addition, if the Plan of Redemption made no provision for fully eradicating sin, suffering would continue indefinitely.

The earthly sanctuary services, detailed in the *law of Moses*, served as a tutor for teaching many vital lessons about God's Plan of Redemption (Galatians 3:22-25). These services foreshadowed the works of Christ here on earth and in the true tabernacle in heaven, made by God.

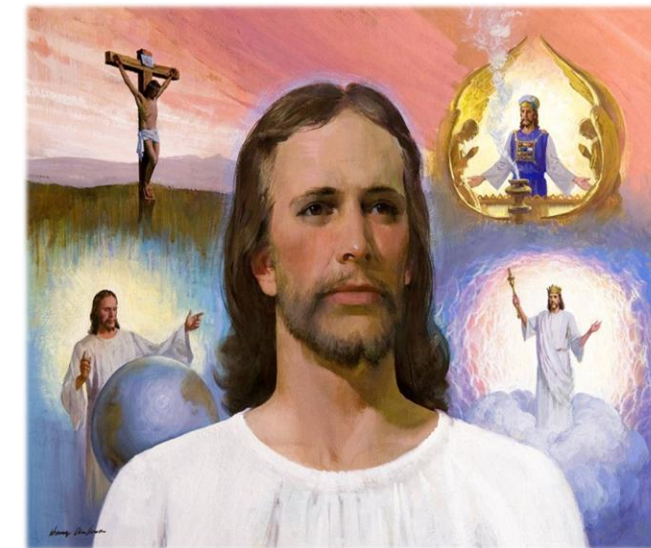
Q: *What will be the ultimate fate of the heavenly sanctuary [temple] after humankind's complete redemption and the restoration of all things in the earth made new?*

A: "And the twelve gates [were] twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city [was] pure gold, as it were transparent glass. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb [is] the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it." (Revelation 21:21-24)

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The Plan of Redemption

Supplemental Study 4



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