

The Way

(The Blood and The Water)

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“...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me..”

***Jesus Christ
John 14:6***

INTRODUCTION

It is our Lord's desire that we may partake of His life...

From the beginning of creation, when God created Adam and Eve, He placed them in the Garden of Eden.

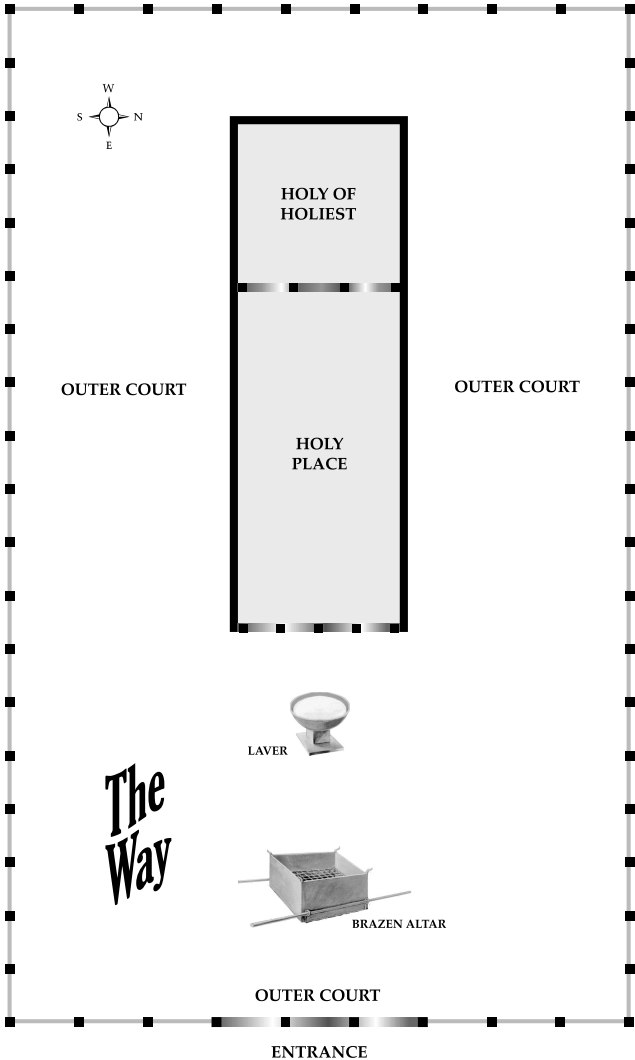
In the middle of the garden, among many delicious fruit trees, there were two trees: one, the Tree of Life and the other the tree of knowledge of good and evil. He commanded Adam not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, for the day that he would eat of it, he would surely die.

The Lord allowed His creation to choose between Life or death.

The result of Adam and Eve choosing the tree of death, whose corruptible seed was planted in their hearts after eating of its fruit, was that they were cast out of the garden and returned back to the earth from which they were created. Since then everyone that is born carries the corruptible seed which separated us from the true God and eternal life.

The Way of the Tree of Life was closed. (Read Genesis 2-3; 1 Peter 1:23)

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Without the way, no one can go...

These words make me reflect on the entrance or the door to the outer court of the Tabernacle, the house that God wanted the children of Israel to build for his dwelling among his people (Exodus 25-30). The four columns and the curtains in the entrance are a beautiful illustration of the four gospels, which speak of the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospels are also represented in the four colors of the curtains.

The color purple represents Royalty, the Gospel of Matthew (1:1) portrays Jesus as the of the Son of David, the King of Israel.

The color scarlet represents the Blood of the Lamb, God's humiliation. The Gospel of Mark (10:45) portrays Jesus as the Servant of the Lord, the Branch of Jehovah (Zechariah 3:8; Isaiah 42).

The color white (linen) represents the sinless life of the Son of Man. The Gospel of Luke (19:10)

and Zechariah 6:12, "...behold the Man whose name is The Branch...", portrays the Righteousness of God in the Son of Man.

The color blue represents the Divine Son of God. The Gospel of John declares the incarnation of the Eternal Word, the Son of God, God Himself (John 1:14).

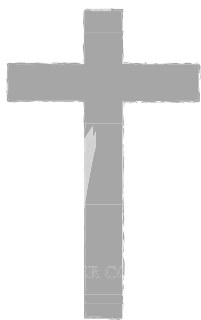
How precious is the entrance! ...But it's only the entrance into the outer court.

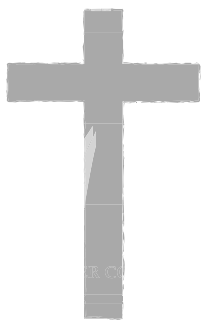
The only purpose of an entrance is to go in through it. Many of us know the gospels and we think that just by knowing them we have eternal life; and they give testimony of Him. Just by reading about Him we can not come to God, we only acquire knowledge about His natural life. In beholding Jesus through the gospels, we know about Him and only God the Father can reveal to us who Jesus is. God wants that each of us who are called should be his witnesses, in knowing, and believing, and understanding that He is; before Him no god was formed nor shall there be after Him (Isaiah 43:10). He calls us to partake of the fullness of His Life and for this we have to go through the entrance.

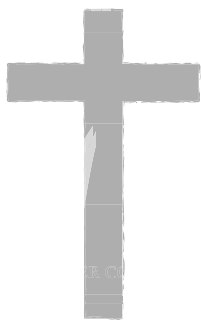
Going through the entrance to the outer court, we see God's provision. We find the first piece of furniture, the brazen altar, where the animal brought for sacrifice is offered to God for the forgiveness of sins, only sinners can come in this way. In Him we identify ourselves with his death, with the aim of partaking of His life. He gave himself up for us and only through His sacrifice can we be born to a new life in the spirit. Jesus' blood is divine, pure, and uncontaminated, in which we have been born again through the Spirit and the Water, Jesus Christ (John 1:12-13; 3:5).

We go on to the second furniture of the outer court, the laver, a bronze fountain with water. In Jesus' crucifixion, not only did blood flow from his body, but also water (John 19:34). His Blood justifies us and the water sanctifies us. In the Scriptures, the water signifies His Word, which cleanses us (John 15:3; Ephesians 5:25-26). God is a Holy God, without sanctification we cannot see God.

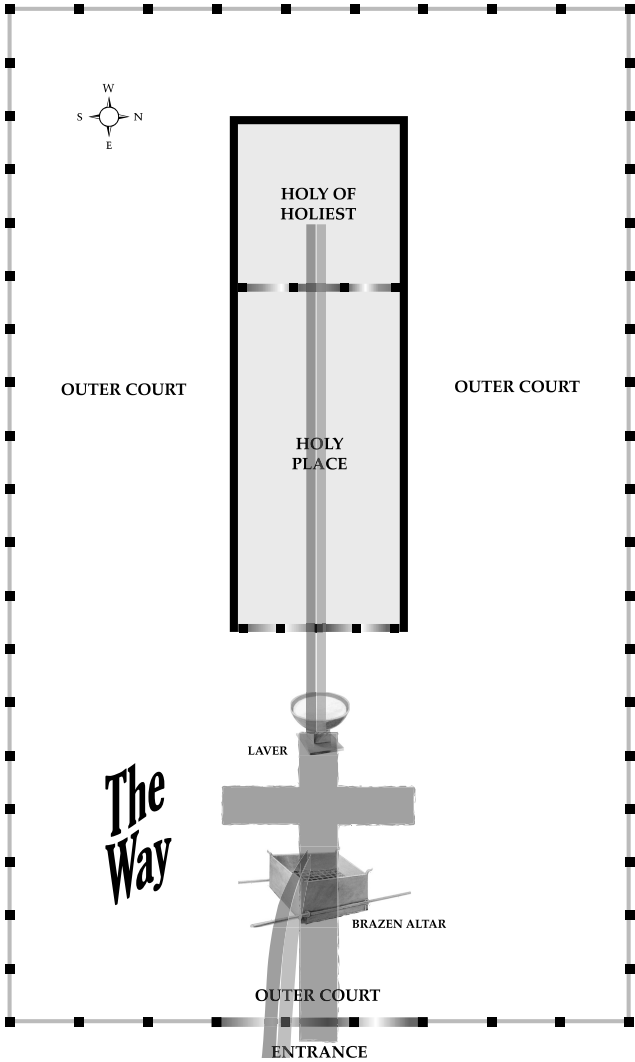
Now we can see God in Christ Jesus who has been made for us "... wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption..." (1 Corinthians 1:30).







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The brazen altar and the laver were placed between the entrance to the court and the door of the tabernacle of meeting (Holy and Most Holy Place).

The priests had to pass daily by these two pieces of furniture in order to minister in the Holy Place, and the high priest, once a year, in the Holy of Holiest, thus showing in type and shadow the only way to God. In the way there is no dwelling place, but rather provision to enter into God's dwelling place. The place of communion, of meeting and edification, is the Holy Place; in other words, in Spirit and in Truth (John 4:23-24). His church is built up through the Spirit and the Word, it is a living organism. The author of Hebrews does not mention the outer court in his description of the Tabernacle (Hebrews 9:2-6), thus implying that the way is the provision to enter into His house and not a dwelling place, it is the road in (1 Timothy 3:15).

Through the Way now we have entrance to the tree of Life, God himself.

Thanks be to God, that through his side came the provision for our life in Him: the blood and the water, which, through his Spirit, gives testimony of Him. He is our Way to Himself (Ephesians 5:26-27).

“This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.” (1 John 5:6).

“...Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men...” (Revelation 21:3).

God was given to men in Christ Jesus, and we were given to God in Christ Jesus.

Glory to His name!