

The Tabernacle and Salvation

In the Old Testament Moses was given instructions to construct what we refer to as the tabernacle. I am not going to get into detail about all the dimensions and all the typology. The purpose of this study is to show you that the plan of salvation and the tabernacle represent the same thing.

In the tabernacle there were several things, all which were made of gold. It was made out of gold to display God beauty. The items found in the tabernacle are as noted.

1. **The Alter of Sacrifice** is where the priest would offer a sacrifice for sin. In comparison to the New Testament Jesus Christ was the sacrifice for our sins. In our life our sacrifice is, repenting and living a holy lifestyle. In the Old Testament the sacrifices brought to this alter were temporary. In the New Testament the death of Christ on the cross was perfect; hence it was once for all. And, as for Christians our sacrifices are daily as we need to repent and sacrifice unto the Lord daily.
2. **The Laver of Water** is where the priest would wash. This is why Christ was baptized because He was the priest and the sacrifice. Christ did not need to be cleansed because He was perfect. Christ was baptized for two reasons. Firstly, to set an example. Secondly, it was to obey the ritualism represented in the Old Testament. As for sinners we are baptized in Jesus name. This is done to cleanse us for our sin.
3. **The candlestick** was the only light in the tabernacle. In today's world we as the children of God we are candlesticks as we should light up the whole world, just as the candlestick light up the whole tabernacle. We light up the world once we receive the Holy Ghost
4. **The table of shewbread** was the daily bread of the priest. In *John 6:51* it refers to Jesus being the bread of life and as for the children of God our daily bread is our daily Bible reading.

5. **The Alter of incense** was the place of daily worship. As Christians we need to pray and worship daily. When an individual worships if they have yet to receive the Holy Ghost this is one of the best ways to receive it. God loves worship.
6. **The holy of holies** is where the presence of the Lord dwelt until Christ was crucified. In the tabernacle no one could enter into this place, however today we have access into the presence of God daily. We are blessed.

In the Old Testament the tabernacle was the way of salvation. By looking at what they did and what we do it is very similar; however it is much easier for us today.

If you have yet to have your tabernacle experience I encourage you to do the following. Firstly, go to the alter sacrifice, which is to repent. Secondly, go to the Laver of Water, which is to be baptized. Thirdly, I encourage you to go to the alter of incense where you can worship and praise God and receive the Holy Ghost.

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