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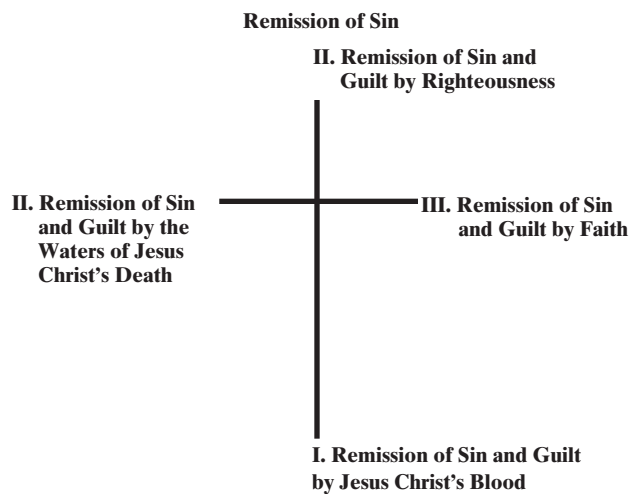
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If, as a born-again Christian, you have ever felt guilty about your past sins, even though you have confessed them and, by faith, have put them under the Blood of Jesus Christ, then you need to know more about the River for Remission of Sin that God has provided through His Son's Crucifixion and Death.

God's Word uses the pattern of the Cross to show a complete picture of a Spiritual Truth; therefore, in our study about getting rid of our guilt through the remission of sin, we see four major points that fit with the four points of the Cross.



Four different words in the Scriptures refer to the remission of sin. Each of the four words pertains to a different aspect or Work of Remission. The Hebrew word for *remission* means to carry away, to send forth. The Greek word for *remission*, which also means to carry away or to send forth, is akin to the Hebrew word which, in the Old Testament, means *scapegoat*.

The scapegoat, a picture of the remission of sins provided by Christ's Death on the Cross, was sent into the wilderness to carry away the confessed iniquities, transgressions, and sins of Israel. After being sent into the wilderness, the scapegoat never returned. The sacrifice of the scapegoat was a picture of Jesus Christ's Sacrifice that forms a crimson stream of His Blood. This stream of cleansing Blood flows around behind the Back of God, forming the Sea of Forgetfulness into which God casts repentant man's sins, where they are remembered against man no more. The other part of Christ's Blood was carried to the Mercy Seat in Heaven to mend God's Word that was and is broken by sinful man. However, only a *portion* of Christ's Blood was used for forming a *part* of the River for Remission of man's iniquities, transgressions, and sins.

The full Stature of Truth about the River for Remission shows that *remission* of sins is accomplished in four ways: remission *by Blood*, remission *by Water*, remission *by Faith*, and remission *by Righteousness*. The first measure of remission is ours *by* the *Gift* of the Blood of Jesus Christ. Another measure of remission, which comes *by Gift* from Christ's Name, Death, and Life, cleanses and purges through faith in the Waters of His Death. Still another measure of remission is ours *through* the *growth* of Faith in the quickened Word of the

LORD Jesus Christ. The last measure of remission is ours *through* the *growth* of Righteousness in our lives as we do right deeds.

We need all four measures of remission in order to receive *full* cleansing from our sins and in order to enter into Christ's complete Resurrection Glory and the measure of the fullness of His Spiritual Stature.

Studying the four points of the Stature will help us to understand how the remission of sins is accomplished in our lives. The remission of our sins will cleanse us from our feelings of guilt and bring an unprecedented joy to our hearts. This is certainly a condition everyone should desire to experience.

I. Remission of Sin and Guilt by Jesus Christ's Blood

Remission of sin is a vital experience for penitent souls in order for them to be freed from guilt and to have a peaceful reconciliation with God.

What is remission? When God says He gives remission from sin, what does this mean? How does God accomplish the remission of our sin? The only place to go to find the answers is to turn to God's Word because His Word is forever settled in Heaven (Psalm 119:89). God's Word says that He has magnified His Word above His Name (Psalm 138:2). Since God's Word is settled and magnified above all else, we can stand upon the sure Truth of His Word.

At the time that Jesus instituted the great Gospel Ordinance of the LORD's Supper, He revealed that a River for Remission would be opened to mankind for the carrying away of man's sins through the shedding of His Precious Blood.

For this is my **blood** of the new testament. **which is shed for many for the remission of sins** (Matthew 26:28).

The word *remission* means to send forth, to send away. When we truly confess our sins and repent, then God assumes the responsibility for sending away our sins.

Man, in his ignorance of God's Life-giving Principles, often tries to redeem himself by doing good works, but all man's good works can never relieve him of his heavy burden of sin. God has ordained that the sacrificial Blood of Jesus Christ be the vehicle by which man's sins shall be sent forth or carried around behind the Back of God.

The first reference to remission, as accomplished by the Blood, is found in God's Word where the words *sent forth* are used.

But when the fulness of the time was come, God **sent forth his Son**, made of a woman, made under the law, **To redeem them that were under the law**, that we might receive the adoption of sons (Galatians 4:4,5).

We have redemption because God appointed a portion of Christ's Blood to form the River for Remission that carries away man's sin.

When the Father's appointed time came to put an end to the dispensation of the Ceremonial Law, God sent forth the River for Remission of Sin in the Person of His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ. God's Holy Son, Jesus Christ, was made of a woman (His humiliation and incarnation); He was made under the Law (His obedience and subjection) so

that sinful man might be cleansed and brought to full Stature of Sonship in Christ Jesus through faith.

The following words of the LORD's Truth were spoken by the Apostle Paul.

But when the fulness of the time was come, **God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we [believers] might receive the adoption of sons** (Galatians 4:4,5).

In this verse, the Hebrew root word for *made* is *aw-shar*, which means to be straight, to go forward, to guide, to lead, to relieve, to be happy, and to prosper.

When the fullness of the appointed time of the Father had arrived to put an end to the legal dispensation of the Old Covenant and to set up the New and better Covenant of Mercy and Grace in the LORD Jesus Christ, He prepared a Body for His Son and sent Him forth.

Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, **but a body hast thou prepared me:** (Hebrews 10:5).

By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all* (Hebrews 10:10).

By His *ko-akh* Strength, the Unbegotten Father prepared a Body for His Son, Jesus Christ, and sent Him into the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary so that Jesus could:

- be born under the Old Covenant;
- keep the Old Covenant of Works of His *Torah*-Truth;
- swallow up the Old Covenant of Works and establish the New Communion Covenant of His Own Body and Blood;
- carry in His Body the “swallowed up” Old Covenant of Works, where it would be nailed to the Cross.

The New Covenant of Mercy and Grace in Jesus Christ was the Promise from the foundation of the world that was prophesied in the Old Testament.

In pursuance of the Father’s Purposive Will and Master Plan, Jesus submitted to being led and guided by His Unbegotten Father to the Blessed Virgin Mary’s womb so that He could be born under the Law. For our sakes, He, Who was God, yielded to come in a state of subjection to His Father’s Will so that He could take on the form of a servant of Works. Therefore, He could redeem us from the intolerable Works of the Law so that He could minister Salvation to us through Faith in His Mercy and Grace.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them (Ephesians 2:8-10).

Consequently, Jesus Christ worked, and He kept the Law in our place; He suffered and died in our place so that He could redeem us out from under a Law of Works that we could not keep. As a result, we are redeemed by the New Law of Faith in Jesus Christ's Grace that has liberated us from the Old Covenant of Works. In addition, we are made sons of God through His adoption of us into the New Covenant of Grace.

Our Eternal reward of Jesus' Redemption and Salvation is being adopted as sons by the Unbegotten Heavenly Father.

Fallen man could not discern the River for Remission that flowed in the form of Blood in Jesus' Veins. But, when Jesus Christ shed His Blood at Calvary's Cross, He unveiled this mighty River for Remission.

Thus, we see that the act of remission pertains to God's Son because He was the Only One Who was *sent forth* to carry away sins.

The New Covenant in Christ Jesus was obtained and approved by His Precious Blood. It is a charter of pardon and an act of legal exemption from the penalties and liabilities sinful men have incurred by their thoughts, feelings, and deeds. The Blood of the New Covenant in Christ Jesus is the means whereby sinful man is reconciled to God. Sin is the enemy that brings a quarrel between God and man. The River for Remission by Blood that Christ has provided is a powerful River that carries away sin and the penalty of sin, for without the shedding of Blood there is no remission (Hebrews 9:22).

At the Last Supper, Jesus Christ told His Disciples to drink *all* the cup of His Blood. If we desire to grow up into full spiritual maturity in Jesus

Christ, we need to lay hold of all the Blood He has given—from the bottom of His Feet to the top of His Head—as a propitiation for sins. Jesus gave his Precious Blood for the express purpose of purchasing the remission of man’s sins, for the carrying forth of man’s sins, and for the placing of man’s sins in the Sea of Forgetfulness behind the Back of God.

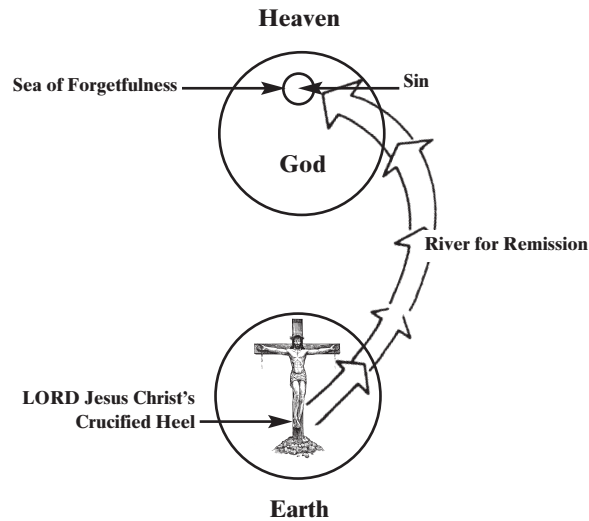
The pardon of sin is the great blessing God bestows upon a penitent soul who, by faith, casts his sin and its penalty into the Blood of Christ’s River for Remission, where they are carried away, never to be remembered.

Remission of sin is the foundation for all spiritual blessings in Heavenly Places in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 1:1-3). It is a living Fountain and Wellspring of everlasting comfort, joy, and peace.

The LORD completely forgives and totally wipes out our sins by carrying them into the Sea of Forgetfulness that is formed by His precious Blood. After man has repented of his sin, the LORD, with great violence, hurls man’s sins into the Sea of Forgetfulness, never to remember them anymore.¹

(See diagram on following page.)

1 For a better understanding of what repentance really involves, read B. R. Hicks, “What Is True Repentance?” (Jeffersonville, Indiana: Christ Gospel Churches Int’l., Inc., 1990).



He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and **thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea** (Micah 7:19).

The LORD Jesus Christ has subdued our iniquities; His crucified Heel has trodden them underfoot. It was the Blood that flowed from His Heel that formed the River for Remission that carries our sins around behind the Back of God.

Penitent man's sin is cast into such depths in Christ's Sea of Blood that it can never resurface.

Hezekiah experienced the *guiltless joy* of having his sins cast behind God's Back, into the Sea of Forgetfulness.

Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul *delivered it* from the pit of corruption:

**for thou hast cast all my sins behind
thy back (Isaiah 38:17).**

We can experience no other joy like the guiltless, justifying joy that comes into our penitent hearts when our sins have been cast into the depths of God's Sea of Forgetfulness.

II. Remission of Sin and Guilt by the Waters of Jesus Christ's Death

When Jesus Christ was crucified, He opened the River of Blood for Remission of Sins. And, when He died and went down into Death, Hell, and the Grave, He opened the Waters of His Obedient Death for Remission of Sins. These happenings are recorded in the Gospels. Later, in Acts 2:38, remission by Water Baptism is mentioned by the Apostle Peter. On the Day of Pentecost, he said, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the *remission* of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

This verse shows a further development in the picture of the full Stature for Remission. Through faith, there is a measure of remission that comes by the Waters of Christ's Obedient Death that are found in the baptismal pool.

When, by faith, the baptismal pool is anointed with the Name, Death, and Life of the LORD Jesus Christ, then power of remission is applied to the Water, making it a River for Remission. Thus, the baptismal pool becomes a cleansing stream for remission of sins, cleansing us from our own independent headship and crowning us with submission to Jesus Christ's Grace and Government.

Through the Name, Death, and Life of the LORD Jesus Christ, we experience cleansing and

sanctification from our indwelling sins or the sins of our fallen Adamic nature. Through His Name, Death, and Life, we espouse Jesus as our Bridegroom and King and swear our allegiance to Him. Thus, through our acceptance of His Name, Death, and Life, we own Jesus to be a legitimate Son of the Father and of the Holy Ghost.

The Waters of the LORD Jesus Christ's Name, Death, and Life are also found in His Holy Word, and as, by faith, we return daily to drink of these Waters of Truth, the sins of our carnal nature are carried away.

When Jesus obediently went down into the cold, chilly Waters of Death, He opened another River for Remission of Sin. This was the River of His Obedient Death, which is for washing away our inimical disobedience to God.

Therefore, when we confess our sins and truly repent, God not only casts our sinful acts into the River of Christ's Death, but He also casts in our fleshly nature of disobedience that begot our sins in the first place.

If we get rid of only the fruit of our sin, yet never allow Jesus to wash us down to the *root* with His cleansing Waters of His Obedient Death, we will commit the same sin again and again because the *root* is the *cause* of our disobedience.

Jesus took our place in Death. Through His Obedient Death, He substituted His Obedience for our disobedience. If we give up our disobedience, and take on Christ's Obedience, we can do *all* righteous things through Christ Who strengthens us to do the Father's Purposive Will.

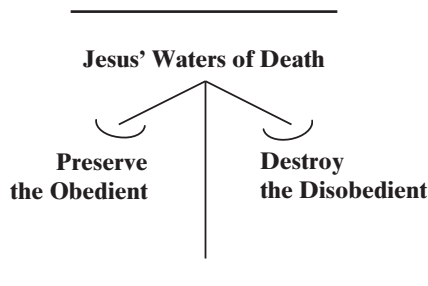
Israel's experience at the Red Sea is a picture of the powerful Waters of Jesus Christ's Obedience that were opened through His Death.

When Israel stood on the east banks of the Red Sea, God blew upon the waters with the Breath of His strong East Wind, and the waters obeyed by welling themselves up into icy walls—to the right and to the left. God also made a frozen way and a dry path in the bottom of the sea so that His people could pass obediently through on their way to Canaan's Land, thus fulfilling His Master Plan and Purposive Will for them.

After Israel had passed through the Red Sea, Pharaoh and his armies continued to pursue Israel by dashing into the sea after them. Then, the LORD blew again with His strong Wind and melted the icy walls, which raged in a watery torrent upon the disobedient Egyptian flesh.

The East Wind of God's Breath split the sea and towered it up into icy walls. But by the West Wind of God's Breath, the icy walls were caused to return into a turmoil of mighty, swirling waves that rushed together from opposite sides of the sea to overpower the obstinate, disobedient flesh of the Egyptians. As a consequence, the Egyptians sank like motionless lead into the dark depths of the sea.

This is a picture of Jesus Christ's Waters of Death that preserve His people but destroy their flesh, which is an enemy to them.



Christ's Death preserves all within our hearts that is regenerated, converted, conformed and transformed to walk obediently in the LORD's Purposive Will toward Canaan's Land; and His Death destroys all the worldly, disobedient flesh that tries to prevent us from fulfilling God's Master Plan and Purposive Will in growing up into Christ's full Stature.

We were sinners, lost and undone; we were the ones who were condemned, but Jesus became our Obedient Substitute by going to Death, Hell, and the Grave.

Thus, we find that there is a remission by the Waters of His Death and by the Waters of His Word. His Waters of Obedience will free us and deliver us from our sinful disobedience, and they will help us to overcome and to discard many things in our hearts and lives as, through faith, we return daily to God's Word.

Paul said, "I die daily." Daily washing was demonstrated in the Old Testament Tabernacle by the Priests who daily washed their hands and feet at the Laver.

We are to wash our hands and feet, daily, from bitterness, wrath, and doubting that are caused by a spirit of disobedience toward God's Headship in our lives. When we obediently follow and trust in God's Word, He will deliver us, and our sins will be cast into the Waters of His Obedient Death. Our sins and our previous disobediences will be taken away and sent into the Sea of God's Forgiveness and Forgetfulness.

III. Remission of Sin and Guilt by Faith

True spiritual faith is unquestioning belief in God's Word. It is complete trust, confidence, and

reliance upon God's Holy, Righteous Nature. It is knowing beyond doubt that God is too Good, too Merciful, and too Kind to allow one thing to happen to us that is not for our highest good and for His Highest Glory. If we have true spiritual faith, we trust God completely as the Governor and Guide in *all* things in our lives.

Remission comes by believing and having faith because faith and belief are necessary in order to start the River for Remission of Sin flowing for us. We do not get anything from God without faith. The Bible says that it is impossible to please God without faith (Hebrews 11:6). When we believe and have faith in the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ, we receive Salvation from the penalty of sin, which is Death. Then, as we continue, daily, to exercise believing faith in His Name, we are cleansed from doubts and fears that arise from within our carnal man. *Believing faith* is the part of the River for Remission that will carry away our doubts, fears, and unbeliefs.

Acts 10:43 confirms what has just been said: "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name *whosoever believeth* in him *shall receive remission of sins*."

When we are believing God to do something, such as: changing our insincerity to sincerity; replacing the negative responses in our temperament with positive ones; mending our disloyalty to Christ that always promises to do, yet never performs righteous deeds; eradicating our guilty thought-life that is distressful and sinful; stabilizing our unreliable feelings and our undependable emotions; and correcting our actions of failure when we have omitted giving our devotions to God. All these things that are not like Jesus Christ will be sent away from us, by faith, as we believe

and put our feet firmly upon the Truth and stand rooted and grounded in God's Word that tells us whatever we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, in faith believing, He will do it.

Faith sanctifies us from unbelief. We can pray and ask our High Priest to cover us with His Blood and with the Waters of His Name, Death, and Life, but unless we are going to believe and exercise faith, our asking will not avail us anything.

Faith delivers us from unbelief; faith sanctifies us; faith is a *River for Remission of Sin* that will send our doubts and unbelief away from us.

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. This River of Water is loosed through the Power of God's Word. It is a River of Truth, a River of Faith that is found in the midst of God's Word; it sanctifies us from doubts, fears, unbelief, and all the resulting torments and tortures of our doubts and fears.

John 1:12 says, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." So, if we believe, we not only have a born-again experience as a spiritual baby, but John assured us that, by faith, we will grow on up to become a fully mature son of God. We need only to believe.

Some Christians think it is impossible for God to change them—impossible for God really to help them grow up to become spiritually mature—but it is not impossible if they will drink of the Water of Faith in God's Word. What God has done for one, He will do for another; and what He has commanded in His Word, He will fulfill. What He has promised, He will perform.

In II Peter 3:18, the Word says, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." And First Peter 2:2 says, "As newborn

babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.” As we feed on God’s Word and our hearts and minds become filled with the Truth of His Word, we will find an invisible River of Faith flooding our souls and sanctifying us from doubts, fears, and unbelief.

IV. Remission of Sin and Guilt by Righteousness

We can experience remission by the Blood, by Water, and by Faith and still not be free from the *guilt* of our sins. This is why we must press on to lay hold of the remission that comes by Righteousness, as spoken of by Paul in his letter to the Romans.

But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; **Even the righteousness of God *which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe***; for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; **Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth *to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past***, through the forbearance of God; (Romans 3:21-25).

Righteousness means right doing, right thinking, and right being. Christians, many times, have wrong attitudes or sour dispositions. But as the LORD’s redeemed ones, we do not have to remain obnoxious. We can lay hold of the Righteousness of Jesus Christ through prayer and the study of God’s Word,

and His Righteousness will wash away our sinful attitudes and dispositions. By His Righteousness, Jesus will take away our wrong spirit or attitude and put it in His River for Remission of Sin; and He will give us the right spirit and attitude in its place.

If Christian believers have said something that needs to be made right, or if they have taken something wrongfully, they must let the Righteousness of Jesus Christ minister in them so that they can make restitution; then, their sin will be pardoned through *His* Righteousness.

The River of Righteousness is the *active* Water of Justice, Rectitude, and Righteous Acts or Restitution. Restitution is the act of restoring to its rightful owner something that has been lost or taken away.

For example, if a man has stolen another man's hammer, he may pray, "LORD, I am sorry I stole that hammer; please forgive me;" and he may pray in this manner for months or even years. Yet until he returns the borrowed or stolen hammer, he never will be forgiven. Once he has returned the other man's property, however, he will feel Christ's Righteousness, as cleansing Waters flow over his soul and wash away his sin, thus carrying away his guilt that he has borne for so long.

We find that Righteousness also will redeem us from our sins. We must do the right thing. To begin with, our spiritual life was lost in the Garden when man chose to disobey God's Commands. It was taken away by fallen Lucifer. Then, Jesus Christ, through His Righteous Deeds or His River of Righteousness, restored it. Therefore, we must continually wash ourselves in Christ's River of Righteousness so that we can give our lives back to God, our rightful Owner, by spending our lives in

prayer, in the study of God's Word, in worship in God's House, and in His Service. These are deeds of Righteousness.

Thank God for His provision of a River for Remission that carries away or sends forth our sins to go behind God's Back, into His Sea of Forgetfulness!

We must avail ourselves of God's great Provision for Remission of Sins, and we will live a life of joy, free from the feelings of guilt that we experience after we have sinned! □

The Old Testament Shadow and Type of God's Fourfold Plan for Remission of Sin

Another proof and revelation of the four ways that God uses in remitting our sins is found in the shadow and type in the ministry of the Priests in the Old Testament Tabernacle.

The sixteenth chapter of Leviticus describes the ministry of Aaron, the High Priest, who was a type of Jesus Christ Who is our spiritual High Priest.

And the LORD spake unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered before the LORD, and died; And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy *place* within the vail before the mercy seat, which *is* upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat. **Thus shall Aaron come into the holy *place*:** with a young bullock for a sin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering. **He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these *are* holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and *so* put them on** (Leviticus 16:1-4).

This chapter in Leviticus is filled with the Meat of God's Word; therefore, it requires close attention. In these verses, the scene described is the Day of Atonement. *Atonement* means to cover. In other words, it was the day for remission of the sins of Israel. It was not the *actual* remission, however, because the blood of bulls and bullocks did not have the power to take away the sins of Israel. Animal blood simply *covered* their sins until the day on which Jesus Christ would die on Calvary's Cross for the sins of the world.

On the Day of Atonement, in the Old Testament dispensation, the High Priest removed his Garments of Glory, stripping off his beauty; then, he put on Garments of Pure, White, Holy Linen. After he had donned his Linen Garments, he had to come in where the Ark of the Covenant was, where the *shekinah* Glory dwelled in the Ark, and where the *kawbode* Glory overshadowed the Mercy Seat, the literal dwelling place of God's Spirit.

On one side of the scales, the High Priest ministered as a type of Christ in His Office as High Priest, while on the other side of the scales, the High Priest was a human being who was just as capable of sinning as any other human being. Therefore, he needed to avail himself of the Blood for the Remission of Sins.

1. The Shadow and Type of the Blood that Forms Christ's River for Remission of Sin

Under the Old Testament order, when the High Priest went into the Holy of Holies, he first had to place the blood on the Mercy Seat for himself and the sins that he had committed during the year. As

he entered into the Holy of Holies, he approached sideways, under a great cloud of Incense, walking softly, with humility, because he did not dare to look face to face upon God's Glory. He brought the blood of a bullock and sprinkled it for himself, first; then, he returned to the Courtyard to get the goat's blood, which he took back into the Holy of Holies to sprinkle it for the sins of the children of Israel.

And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation (Leviticus 16:7).

On the Day of Atonement, it was necessary to offer two goats in behalf of the children of Israel in order to portray the Blood and the Water of Remission that would come through Jesus Christ's Crucifixion and Death on the Cross.

And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot **for the scapegoat** (Leviticus 16:8).

One lot was cast in order to choose which goat was to be slain for the LORD because his blood was to depict the Mercy Blood of Christ. The other lot was for the scapegoat or remission-goat, the carrying-away goat, who was to depict the River for Remission that was opened through the LORD's Death.

All Israel stood trembling until Aaron, the High Priest, reappeared, after having sprinkled the atoning blood of the LORD's goat upon the Mercy Seat, because, for one more year, their very lives depended upon the High Priest's success in

reaching the Ark of the Covenant with the atoning blood of the LORD's goat.

The atoning blood from the LORD's goat had to be carried by the High Priest into the Holy of Holies and placed upon the Ark of the Covenant and the Mercy Seat, and from there, the atoning blood was carried out and placed upon the Golden Altar in the Holy Place and the Brazen Altar in the Courtyard. This was done in order to sanctify the Tabernacle from the uncleanness of the children of Israel (Leviticus 16:17-19).

Sanctification was necessary because the Priest had to come into the Holy of Holies while he was still an unclean creature in the sight of God. His very presence brought defilement into God's Sanctuary; therefore, the whole house had to be cleansed.

It was the ministry of one Priest to stay in the Courtyard and stir the blood so that it would not thicken. Only the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies, and then only once a year.

In his Censer, the High Priest carried Fire from the Brazen Altar; then, he had to go into the Holy Place with twice-beaten Incense and fresh Fire from the Brazen Altar in his Golden Censer, as he passed under the veil into the Holy of Holies. Upon entering, he immediately cast a handful of the Incense upon the Fire in his Censer, and as the Incense hit the fire, it created a great cloud of fragrant smoke that covered him, protecting him from the radiant Splendor of God's Fiery Presence. Thus, his life was preserved while he sprinkled the atoning blood upon the Ark and sprinkled it seven times before the Mercy Seat.

After completing his task, the High Priest returned with the atoning blood and applied it upon the Golden Altar in the Holy Place, and he applied it upon the Brazen Altar in the Courtyard.

2. The Shadow and Type of the Waters of Death that Form Christ's River for Remission of Sin

After the High Priest had finished his ministry with the blood of the slain goat, he prepared to lay his hands on the second goat, which was called the "scapegoat." He confessed all the iniquities of the children of Israel and all the transgressions in all their sins and put them upon the head of the scapegoat; then, he sent him away into the wilderness, and the scapegoat never returned.

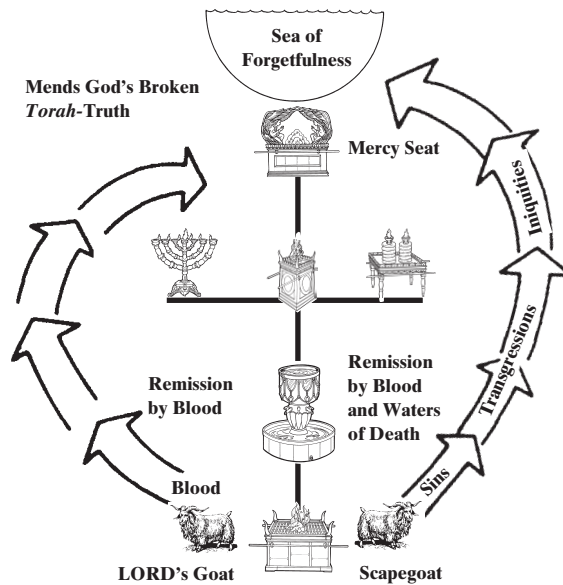
And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send *him* away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness: (Leviticus 16:21).

In the atoning blood sacrifice of the first goat, which was the LORD's goat, was the beginning stream of the River for Remission or *the Merciful, Atoning Blood of God's Obedient Son*.

The atoning blood of the first goat was a picture of Christ's Atoning Blood that washed away the damage that man had done to God's Holy *Torah* when he broke God's Word with his disobedience! Christ's Atoning Blood repairs God's broken Word, thereby reconciling God to penitent man.

The live scapegoat, which carried away all Israel's iniquities, transgressions, and sins, is a picture of Christ's Blood of Remission mingled with the Waters of His Death, which carries away the confessed sins of a penitent soul. At the Cross,

Jesus Christ was our “Scapegoat” Who carried away our sins.

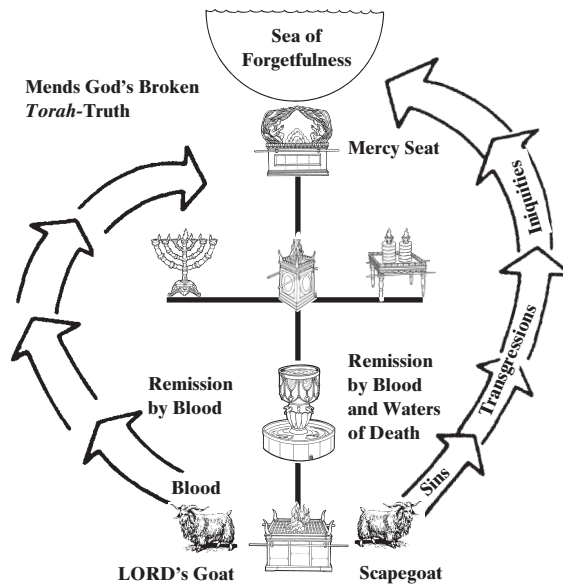


God had to use these two goats, the LORD’s goat and the scapegoat, in order to portray the complete Ministry of Jesus Christ’s Precious Blood and the Waters of His Death.

3. The Shadow and Type of the Faith of Jesus Christ that Forms Christ’s River for Remission of Sin

The Old Testament High Priest was a type of Jesus Christ, the New Testament High Priest. The Old Testament High Priest presents a demonstration of faith, which is where the picture for *Remission of Sin by Faith* is found.

The Priest took the *same* sins that were laid, *by faith*, on the LORD's slain goat and transferred them, *by faith*, to the living scapegoat, which carried the sins of the people away into an uninhabited place in the wilderness.



It took the faith of the High Priest to transfer the iniquities, transgressions, and sins to the live scapegoat, which is a picture of the Faith that Christ used to form His River for Remission of our sins.

By Faith in God's Word, the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies once a year to make Atonement for himself and the people; and, *by Faith*, Jesus Christ *ministered* the Father's *Words of Truth and Life* while on Earth, performing those deeds He saw His Father doing (John 5:19). Christ's Faith in His Father's Master Plan led Him through Death, Hell, the Grave, and the Resurrection—up to the Mercy

Seat in Heaven—where He made Atonement for all penitent man's sins that break God's Word.

4. The Shadow and Type of the Righteousness of Jesus Christ that Forms Christ's River for Remission of Sin

On the Day of Atonement, in the Old Testament, a fit man, who had been previously prepared, led the scapegoat into the wilderness.

Jesus Christ is the Fit, Righteous, Resurrected Man Who was prepared to lead His Scapegoat Blood, His River for Remission of Sins, behind the Back of God, after His Father had raised Him from the dead. The Father raised His Son by His Unbegotten Glory and Omnipresent Power so that His Son could go forth as a Righteous Man, doing the great Deed of Righteousness that opened a River for Remission by Righteousness.

The righteous deeds of the righteous man who led the live scapegoat forth into the wilderness, which fulfilled the Commands of God's Laws, pictured the Righteous Acts of our Righteous, Resurrected LORD and Saviour as He led His Scapegoat Blood and Waters of Obedience behind the Back of God. Thus, Christ's Righteous Deeds created a River for Remission of Sins by Righteousness.

Christ's Deed of Righteousness formed the *Remission of Sins by Righteousness*. The Righteousness of Jesus Christ consists of His always doing the Righteous Deeds that please His Father, even to the giving of His Life for the redemption of souls. The LORD Jesus Christ is the Righteous Man Who arose from the dead and resurrected His Blood and Waters of

Obedience, turning them into a River for Remission of penitent man's sins.

Summary:

The Old Testament Tabernacle presents the complete picture of the Full Stature for Remission of Sins: the LORD's *slain goat* depicts *remission* of sins *through* Jesus Christ's sacrificial *Blood*. The *live scapegoat* represents *remission* of sins *through* the *Waters of Jesus Christ's Name, Death, and Life* that opened up a River of Remission that flows behind the Back of God, into which He casts penitent man's sins. The *faith of the High Priest* represents the acts of *Faith of Jesus Christ in obedience to the Father's Will* that made the Son willing to be God's Scapegoat, Whose Obedience carries our sins behind God's Back. Then, *the act of the fit man* in leading the scapegoat into the wilderness represents the *Righteous Acts of our Saviour and Redeemer* Who willingly followed His Father's Master Plan and Purposive Will in forming a River for Remission of man's sins, where they can be cast and never reappear.

How blessed we are, beloved, to have access to God's fourfold, spiritual River for Remission that has been formed by Jesus Christ's Blood, by the Waters of His Death, His Faith, and by His Righteousness that flows out to us through Him to wash away our confessed sins and carry them behind God's Back into the Sea of Forgetfulness, where they are remembered against us no more. How foolish we are if we do not confess our sins to Jesus Christ, our Eternal High Priest, and let Him, by Faith, cast our sins into His continually flowing

stream of Remission that will carry away all confessed sin, corruption, and uncleanness of our souls and our flesh.

It is possible to walk uprightly before the LORD in Newness of Life if we are willing to allow our sins to descend into Jesus Christ's River for Remission of sins. Thus, we trade our sins and guilty feelings for Christ's Forgiveness and His Unspeakable Joy!

Christ's River for Remission, provided by His Blood, the Waters of His Death, His Faith, and His Righteousness, can free us and cleanse us from the tormenting worm of guilt in our conscience that never sleeps nor ever leaves any peace from its scorpion-like stings. Remission of sin can liberate us from the wild whip of the fiend of guilt that lacerates our soul with its cutting fears and apprehension.

Christ's River for Remission of sin is able to cleanse the fountain of guilt in the human soul, washing away the sorrow, sadness, and misery that depress it and rob it of its desire to live. Christ's River for Remission of sin is an overflowing stream that will wash away man's sinful, haunting thoughts and his multitude of ghostly fears produced by even one unChristlike deed, committed yesterday or today.

Let us, right now, give our miserable sins and guilt to Christ Jesus and let Him cast them into His River for Remission of Sin so that we can receive His Unspeakable Forgiveness and Joy in return! To God be all the Glory!



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