

The Authenticity of The Tabernacle
 The Reality of the Priesthood
 The Fulfillment of the Sacrifices.
 Our Participation in the Sacrifices.
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Millions of people know about Calvary and “have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior.” Each person must examine that “religious concept” to see if that is a complete and valid salvation. The “religious concept” is this; “Jesus was my substitutionary sacrifice, He shed His blood for me to take away my sins and He died for my justification. When I believe this I am saved.” This is the extent of too many people’s experience of Calvary. From the viewpoint of God’s Absolute Sovereignty and Jesus’ exalted position at the Right Hand of God, Almighty, should the question really be “have you accepted Jesus as your personal Savior OR rather, Has Jesus accepted you to be part of His Kingdom?”

Mat 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. 22 "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.' 24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and **acts upon them**, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock.

Many scriptures like these reveal another part of the gospel that debunks the popular gospel of the half-priced sale. These persons were in the “ministry” but Jesus NEVER accepted them. The “give your heart to Jesus, believe our doctrine, join our church and go to heaven when you die” may be a big deception when viewed within the framework of these 150 Kingdom Scriptures found in the New Testament! It is for that reason that we want to examine, again, the various sacrifices that were commanded in the Old Covenant to understand how each sacrifice was designed to cover some human deficiency, of which there were many and are still today, many!

There were 5 basic sacrifices that were fulfilled by Jesus on Calvary and others also were fulfilled in His shedding His blood, His death, His burial and by His resurrection. Our concern is not about the authenticity of what Jesus has done FOR US but whether we have participated in those sacrifices and personally benefitted by each of them. It is for that reason that we want to re-examine the visitation by God, Almighty, at Mount Sinai and the many things that were ordained at that time. It is the authenticity of ALL those events, ordinances, statutes, laws and design associated with the Tabernacle, the Priesthood and God’s Purpose for Israel that we intend to address. Of course in one document we must be very selective in what we choose because this is such a large, intense and complicated subject.

Still, we need to be aware that even as God spoke the 10 commandments from Mount Sinai and then wrote them on stone tablets, He also gave the pattern for the Tabernacle, the Priesthood, the details of the Law and the many sacrifices and offerings that would be acceptable to Him as the Sovereign God of all creation. Each and all of these are just as valid as the 10 commandments.

17 times in Exodus 39 and 40 the Bible says that Moses built EVERYTHING just as God had commanded Moses. Also 31 times in the Old Testament this exact phrase is used about the

various details in the Tabernacle and those things established at Mount Sinai. Also 59 times other but similar verses were used to indicate that EVERY detail about Everything in the Tabernacle, the sacrifices, the garments, the Holy Things, the utensils and ALL other things had to be made, built or handled exactly as God had commanded Moses.

Exo 39:1 Moreover, from the blue and purple and scarlet *material*, they made finely woven garments for ministering in the holy place, as well as the holy garments which were for Aaron, **just as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

Exo 40:32 When they entered the tent of meeting, and when they approached the altar, they washed, **just as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

It is because of this precision of design and the requirement of absolute obedience

to each detail that God instructed Moses that we have boldness to insist upon the accuracy and authenticity of each of these things involving what happened at Mount Sinai. When we examine everything that God ordained at Mount Sinai it is easy to understand that nothing was left to chance or human ingenuity! Neither was Moses nor Aaron permitted to add their own opinion or design to anything associated with any of these things. In other words neither Moses or Aaron or anyone else could do ANYTHING out of their own initiative.

We should point out that the first man who was “filled with the Spirit” at Mount Sinai was NOT a priest nor a pastor, nor a prophet, nor a king, nor an elder but a workman, a craftsman. Why? Everything had to be made exactly according to the pattern of the Eternal Reality that God designed and revealed to Moses.

Exo 31:2 "See, I have called by name Bezalel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 3 **And I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship,** 4 to make artistic designs for work in gold, in silver, and in bronze, 5 and in the cutting of stones for settings, and in the carving of wood, that he may work in all *kinds of craftsmanship*. 6 "And behold, I Myself have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of all who are skillful I have put skill, that they may make all that I have commanded you:

Here it is clear that to build exactly according to God’s Design required that the Almighty God must impart that exclusive ability to man. The “workman in charge” must **be filled with the Holy Spirit, he must also receive a special wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship!**

Just being ordained as a priest is not enough to follow God’s instruction precisely as God chose! As we see with Nadab and Abihu any departure from the Divine design brought death. Even what appeared to be a small departure from the design dishonored God and eliminated these two “from the ministry.”

Lev 10:1 Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their respective firepans, and after putting fire in them, placed incense on it and offered strange fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them. 2 And **fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD.** 10 Then Moses said to Aaron, "It is what the LORD spoke, saying, '**By those who come near Me I will be treated as holy, And before all the people I will be honored.**'" So Aaron, therefore, kept silent.

The general consensus in the “ministry” is; That was then but this is now and all those things are irrelevant since Calvary! That was Law but now we are living under grace! Grace is very permissive and much more lenient and God will put up with us simply because we are His children and He loves us.

On the contrary, we insist that all these things should provide examples and instructions for us. Why? That is because now Jesus is our Great High Priest and the mediator of the New Covenant that has been built upon far better promises. The Priesthood after the order of Aaron is just a poor copy and vague shadow of the Eternal Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek. Nevertheless, the lesser priesthood, as a picture, will tell us much about the Eternal Priesthood, in its reality. Since God has released so much more provision for us than He did for Israel we are held under a much stricter code of conduct and integrity. While this is clearly revealed in the Gospel of the Kingdom, this requirement is generally rejected by the visible church. Why? That is because of a faulty concept about God’s grace and mercy.

Our purpose has been to correct that “Gospel of the Half-Priced Sale” by introducing God’s Plan to complete His Eternal Purpose through the church during the Church Age! To define that Purpose abstractly we could say “to Raise up a Kingdom of Priests to rule over the World Yet To Come.” Some of that “purpose” is revealed through the Tabernacle of Moses.

The Tabernacle of Moses was just a poor copy and very shallow picture and example of the Eternal Tabernacle in Heaven that is called the Tabernacle of God. The earthly Tabernacle was just a copy of the ultimate reality. Still, it can reveal so much about the ultimate reality. The Ultimate Reality is God’s Eternal Tabernacle or the World Yet to Come.

Heb 8:4 Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, since there are those who offer the gifts according to the Law; **5 who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned by God when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, "SEE," He says, "THAT YOU MAKE all things ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN WHICH WAS SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN."** 6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.

There remains no question about the authenticity of using the Tabernacle of Moses, the priesthood, the sacrifices and offerings as a copy, shadow, picture and as an example for us! We can certainly use all of these things as INSTRUCTIONS for us!

1Cor 10:6 Now these things happened as examples for us, that we should not crave evil things, as they also craved. 7 And do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND STOOD UP TO PLAY." 8 Nor let us act immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day. 9 Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents. 10 Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 **Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.**

Rom 15:4 For **whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction**, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

It is true that the Law, the sacrifices and other things were fulfilled at Calvary but these things were recorded to provide examples, instruction and warnings for us “**upon whom the ends of the ages have come.**” None of the writers of the New Testament were shy about using the Old Testament as pictures, types and shadows of New Covenant Truth and as examples for Christians today.

1Peter 3:19 in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits *now* in prison, 20 who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water. 21 **And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you--** not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience--through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Book of Isaiah is the most quoted Book of the New Testament and has been accepted and used to authenticate many New Covenant truths. The announcement of the coming Messiah is regularly used. My point is that the Bible is ONE BOOK with two Covenants. The Old Covenant is for the old man or **the old species man created after the first Adam** and the New Covenant is for the New Man or **the New Species of Man created after the Last Adam.** That which was associated with the first Adam is a copy and shadow of the reality that is associated with the Last Adam.

1Cor 15:45 So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The **last Adam** became a life-giving spirit. 46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. 47 The **first man** is from the earth, earthy; the **second man** is from heaven. 48 As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly. 49 And just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Our theme in this document will focus upon the sacrifices as copies and shadows of New Covenant reality. Why? That is because “sacrifice” and “obedience” are predominate themes within both Covenants. Of course there are many more references to sacrifice in the Old Covenant. It has been said that the Old Covenant runs with the blood of the sacrifices! In the New Covenant the Ultimate Sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary, as our substitute offering, and Him dying for our sins is a predominate theme. Jesus is our Ultimate Sin Offering. However, Jesus fulfilled EVERY other sacrifice and offering found in the Old Covenant in ADDITION to the Sin Offering. This is well known fact and is well preached in many places.

Our focus in this document will not be upon Jesus’ sacrifice “FOR us” but upon our response to His Sacrifice which is experiential. The fact that we will emphasize in this document is that in some sacrifices the petitioner also participated in the sacrifice. This fact is NOT well preached everywhere. Our “participation” is revealed clearly in Romans 12; 1-2. How do we participate in that sacrifice? We present OUR BODIES to God as living sacrifices. This has been preached as a doctrine but we will emphasize that this IS experiential and essential to our participation in the Consecration Offering!

There are, at the very minimum, at least five of the general sacrifices of the Old Covenant that Jesus fulfilled at Calvary. There are some sacrifices that He fulfilled by HIS LIFE, some were fulfilled by His death, others by His burial and possibly also by His resurrection. Still another by his taking His seat at the Right Hand of God, the Almighty.

These five main sacrifices are (1) The Burnt Offering (2) the Grain Offering (3) the

Peace Offering (4) the Sin Offering and (5) the Guilt Offering. Because of the magnitude and complexity of each of these Offerings our purpose will not be to share the many, many details of each sacrifice. Our theme involves the fact that Jesus fulfilled ALL of these five and all the others besides. In other words "JESUS PAID IT ALL".

Heb 10:4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. 5 Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING THOU HAST NOT DESIRED, BUT A BODY THOU HAST PREPARED FOR ME; 6 IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND *sacrifices* FOR SIN THOU HAST TAKEN NO PLEASURE. 7 "THEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, I HAVE COME (IN THE ROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME) TO DO THY WILL, O GOD.'" 8 After saying above, "SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AND WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND *sacrifices* FOR SIN THOU HAST NOT DESIRED, NOR HAST THOU TAKEN PLEASURE *in them*" (which are offered according to the Law), 9 then He said, "BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO THY WILL." **He takes away the first in order to establish the second.**

These four sacrifices combined contain the understanding of what is involved in doing the whole will of God. God takes away these four sacrifices and established ONE New Covenant Sacrifice of doing the whole will of God. Most all serious ministers will accept this truth. They may even acknowledge that Romans 12 is valid for each of us. However, our actual experience and participation in these sacrifices will not be accepted by very many. Accepting the "doctrine" of Romans 12 is widely accepted but if we insist upon the EXPERIENCE of Romans 12 we may be openly criticized.

Rom 12:1 I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is your spiritual service of worship.* 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

The word "spiritual" G3050 is *logikos* *log-ik-os'* *rational* ("logical"): - reasonable.

Presenting our bodies to God as living sacrifices may be "spiritual" but the reality is that it is just logical, normal, rational and reasonable. In other words this "sacrifice" is not extreme or radical but just our normal response to Jesus' Sacrifice and to God's provision. Why? That is because each believer must also DO THE WILL OF GOD and these four sacrifices in Hebrews 8 will reveal what that means and what that costs.

But didn't Jesus die for our sins so we wouldn't have to? Yes! Still, it is our participation in His Sacrifice that "saves us." The fact that Jesus died for the whole world does not mean that the whole world is "saved." Why? The whole world has NOT participated in His Sacrifice and therefore, they are NOT "saved."

Our individual "salvation" depends upon our participation in His sacrifice. However, we are challenging if that is by faith alone plus nothing as is commonly preached. Is there an experiential "participation" in His sacrifice that is part of our "salvation?" Of course we are not challenging the fact that we are "saved by faith" but by exactly what "Faith" means. Does "faith" also imply obedience. Why is this important? We could ask "When Jesus fulfilled the Sin Offering wasn't that sufficient to forgive our sins?" Yes, and in every way! Then why did God insist upon these Three Other Sacrifices associated with doing His Will and then several sacrifices and

offerings in addition to the Sin offering? That is because man (we ourselves) have many more problems to be solved other than “sins we committed.”

That is because each one of us has many other defects and failures than just the sins that we have committed. The visible church just focuses upon the “sins problem” but ignores all the other failures and character problems of mankind. Each of us has attitudes, social problems and defects that are not compatible with the Kingdom Government of God! Each of these different sacrifices was prescribed to deal with either these sins, plural, with the sin, singular problem that must also be solved but His Sacrifice must also solve the damage that sin has done in us, individually.

For example; There is the guilt offering that Jesus fulfilled. Our rebellious way of life and our downward spiral away from God’s purpose has produced a lot of guilt in each of us. Thank God, that “Guilt” can be fully forgiven. The problem is that life style has caused a lot of damage within us. For example; Did Jesus forgive your guilt? Certainly! Then why do we still feel guilty and think something is still wrong? The guilt IS forgiven but the devious character that caused the damage is still present.

We are suggesting that **IF** we could just “participate” in His fulfillment of each sacrifice, we could be healed of that damage.

Another example; Let us suppose that all your “sins” have been forgiven but the internal and external damage that those sins has caused is still present. Is the problem that the “Sin offering” was not sufficient to forgive our sins? Of course not! That sacrifice is fully sufficient **IF WE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THAT SIN OFFERING!** But, Brother, how can I get healed from the extensive damage that was caused by these sins? Well, brother, let me give you a popular and perfectly good cliché! “By His stripes you are already healed.” Is that true? Certainly! Then why can’t I get healed?

We could ask; Have you ever fully participated in the “Peace Offering?” What about the “Whole Burnt Offering?” Have you really eaten your share of the “Grain Offering” or have you shared in the “Unleavened Bread Offering?” Jesus, in addition to being the sin offering, is also the Bread that came down from heaven. It is necessary to eat that bread? Then we should ask; Have we neglected the “Consecration Offering?”

Why was some of the Offering handed to the Priest and he took part of the sacrifice and burnt it in the fire and then the priests ate some and gave some back to the person to “participate” in the sacrifice?

One reason so many of us has neglected or ignored the Other Sacrifices is simply because we fail to recognize how far man fell and the tremendous damage that was done to and in man. Then, if we ignore **WHY** God saved us so we could each fulfill **HIS ETERNAL PURPOSE**, we might not even recognize why **ALL** the sacrifices were necessary. When the “goal” is set by this bargain gospel of just going to heaven when we die, and God’s Eternal Purpose is ignored, these other sacrifices appear to be redundant. Then man’s many other problems are ignored.

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. 21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart

was darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. 24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them. 25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. 26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, 27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. 28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are* gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; 32 and, although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

Rom 3:10 as it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE; 11 THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD; 12 ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE." 13 "THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE, WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY KEEP DECEIVING," "THE POISON OF ASPES IS UNDER THEIR LIPS"; 14 "WHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS"; 15 "THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD, 16 DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR PATHS, 17 AND THE PATH OF PEACE HAVE THEY NOT KNOWN." 18 "THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES."

Now let us suppose that ALL our sins are forgiven BUT we are still living, experientially, in some of the degradation of Romans One or some of the failures of Romans Three. Will "forgiveness" be sufficient to demonstrate a valid Christian Testimony? It is possible that the pitiful condition in the visible church is the result of just focusing upon the forgiveness of Sins through the Sin Offering but ignoring the fact that Jesus fulfilled EVERY other sacrifice as well? If we accept the benefits of the Sin Offering is it reasonable to ignore all the other sacrifices that were also fulfilled?

If we do not "participate" in "the Sin Offering," is the benefit of the "Sin offering" still applied to us? Of course not. It is my opinion that many are trying to receive "healing" through the "gifts" rather than experiencing deliverance through participating in the various sacrifices. Did He provide healing through His Stripes. Certainly! Are His Stripes part of His SIN OFFERING Sacrifice. Not necessarily! Why then was "His stripes" associated with a different purpose from sin and be associated with healing? If we could "participate" in this sacrifice (His stripes) would we be healed? I think so! But why don't we just believe it and accept our "healing" by faith? It may be that "faith" also includes our participation in the sacrifice as we suggested in the Sin Offering.

Believing in "salvation" is a popular concept but it is those who have participated in His Sacrifice experientially that are benefitted. Dividing the theoretical from the

experiential and the actual is very important because of the times in which we live. Why? That is because so many of the obvious deceptions about “full salvation” that are being preached appear to be so real!

Since experiencing the Kingdom is NOT in the theoretical realm we should understand that too many of the doctrinal and theoretical and the theological realms will leave us outside the Kingdom looking for something real. This is the Big Problem with stopping in the Outer Court realms and theorizing about the Holy Place life. I had been doing that for several years and I can testify that is a big waste of time!

Luke 9:23 And He was saying to *them* all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, **let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily**, and follow Me.

Luke 14:27 "Whoever does not **carry his own cross** and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

To ignore the personal cross is a popular concept but to be His disciple means that He can only “teach us” when we have participated in His Cross (sacrifice), experientially. His Teaching BEGINS in the Holy Place AFTER we are participants in the Lampstand church. This is revealed in Revelation 2 and 3.

Each “sacrifice,” that we participate in, will help solve our failures, remove the fantasy, execute reality, reveal Truth and that will advance us into our participation in His Eternal Purpose.

Each of these sacrifices offers us a more accurate knowledge of what God requires for our “ultimate fellowship” with Him. The sacrifices in which the person participates, experientially, AFTER it is offered by EATING his own portion reveals much more about the vital nature (life giving provision) of the sacrifice. Whatever fixes our many defects is essential to our functioning in that Eternal Priesthood.

The fact is that some of the offerings also are participated in by eating your portion. For example; John 6:54 "**He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life**, and I will raise him up on the last day. 55 "For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. 56 "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.

But, brother, if Jesus died for my sins, and I believe that, isn't that enough for my salvation? The purpose of this document is to emphasize that our participation in the sacrifices is VERY important to our fulfilling God's Purpose for each of us. Why? Some of the sacrifices required that the one who benefitted from the sacrifice also had to eat from that sacrifice. This is what we are referring to as “our participation.”

The question then is this; Is John 6: 48 - 56 indicating that our participation in His Sacrifice **IS** by “eating His flesh and drinking His Blood?” Is this EATING a valid response to His Sacrifice. Does this seem to be a suggestion, is it optional or is this essential to our resurrection and Eternal Life? Even a shallow reading should indicate that eating is NOT optional!

Those whom have seen some truth in these verses just want to reduce our participation in His Sacrifice down to simply “taking the Lord's Table.” Of course if we actually read the scriptures we would know that the Lord's Table is a remembrance of His death until He comes again. This is surely important but it is certainly much less than the eating and drinking according to John 6 and has a different purpose!

Our theory is that taking the Lord's Table is NOT the fulfillment of John 6. The

Lord's Table is temporary! That is in effect until the Lord returns, but John 6 relates to Life, Resurrection and Eternity!

If we understood that the petitioner that brought the sacrifice and benefitted from the sacrifice also had to participate in the sacrifice, either by providing the sacrifice and delivering it to the doorway of the Tent of Meeting, by slaying it, or by eating a portion of the sacrifice, or personally identifying with the sacrifice through the laying on of hands, this would not sound strange. It certainly should not sound like more false doctrine or another heresy!

It was the sacrifice of the Peace Offering from which the person who brought it could eat. This was an offering of the Peace Offering by the way of Thanksgiving. The Cakes of Leavened Bread that was offered along with the Sacrifice was to be given to the priest that offered the blood but the flesh of the sacrificed was eaten by the person or the family who provided it. Leviticus 7:11-21

Only the Priests ate from the other sacrifices but some sacrifices were whole burnt offerings from which no one ate. It is interesting that the Priests HAD to eat from the Sin Offering. Still, they could NOT eat from a sacrifice that the blood was brought into the Most Holy Place.

Lev 6:24 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 25 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'This is the law of the sin offering: in the place where the burnt offering is slain the sin offering shall be slain before the LORD; it is most holy. 26 **'The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it. It shall be eaten in a holy place, in the court of the tent of meeting.**

Lev 6:29 'Every male among the priests may eat of it; it is most holy. 30 **'But no sin offering of which any of the blood is brought into the tent of meeting to make atonement in the holy place shall be eaten; it shall be burned with fire.**

Lev 10:16 But Moses searched carefully for **the goat of the sin offering**, and behold, it had been burned up! So he was angry with Aaron's surviving sons Eleazar and Ithamar, saying, 17 **"Why did you not eat the sin offering at the holy place?"** For it is most holy, and He gave it to you to bear away the guilt of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD. 18 "Behold, **since its blood had not been brought inside, into the sanctuary, you should certainly have eaten it in the sanctuary, just as I commanded."**

While all this is very involved and some of this just has no explanation, there are certain facts that stand out as examples for us and it is these that we are recording. The main point is that all the people and priests participated in the sacrifices in some way and in varying degrees. Since all these offerings and sacrifices were fulfilled on Calvary is our participation in these sacrifices optional or are they required? Since His Blood was carried into the Most Holy Place and sprinkled it is certain that neither we nor the priests can eat from that sacrifice.

It is my theory that too much of the shallowness in the church and in our experience is simply because we have "accepted a doctrine about Calvary" but we have no "genuine experience" in these several sacrifices. It is because we are associating the "next restoration" to the Priesthood Ministry that we are concerned about these things. Since the "priesthood" must take an active roll in this Holy Place Ministry it should be

quite obvious that the “advancing priesthood” has a lot to learn about God’s expectations, demands and requirements associated with that ministry.

Then what group could eat from the Sin Offering? Only the Priests who were consecrated, ordained, clothed, assigned and were not defiled by any unclean thing. Whether this applies to John 6 or not must be determined by each person who seeks to participate.

Our warning is this; Do not just accept some denominational doctrine or tradition to determine your eternal salvation but accept the full responsibility to search out the TRUTH about the Kingdom of God yourself. When we sincerely ask God to reveal His Truth and His Expectation for us, He will respond. How do we know that? That is because that **IS** within His Life and His Character and relates to His Absolute Integrity of Holiness.

To all those who have consecrated themselves (the Consecration Offering) to fulfill His Eternal Purpose and prepare to take their place in the Government of the World yet to Come, God will welcome you into the Process of the Preparation.