





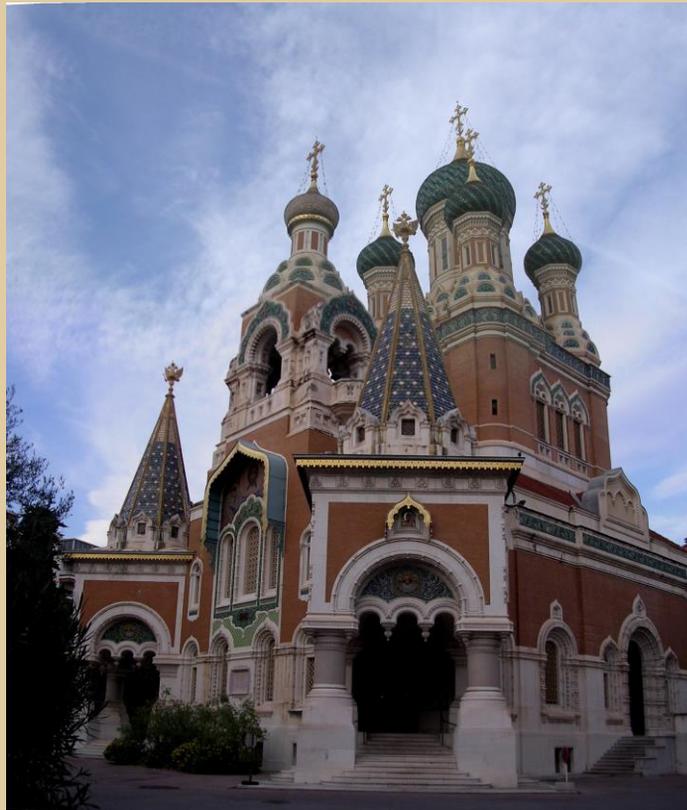
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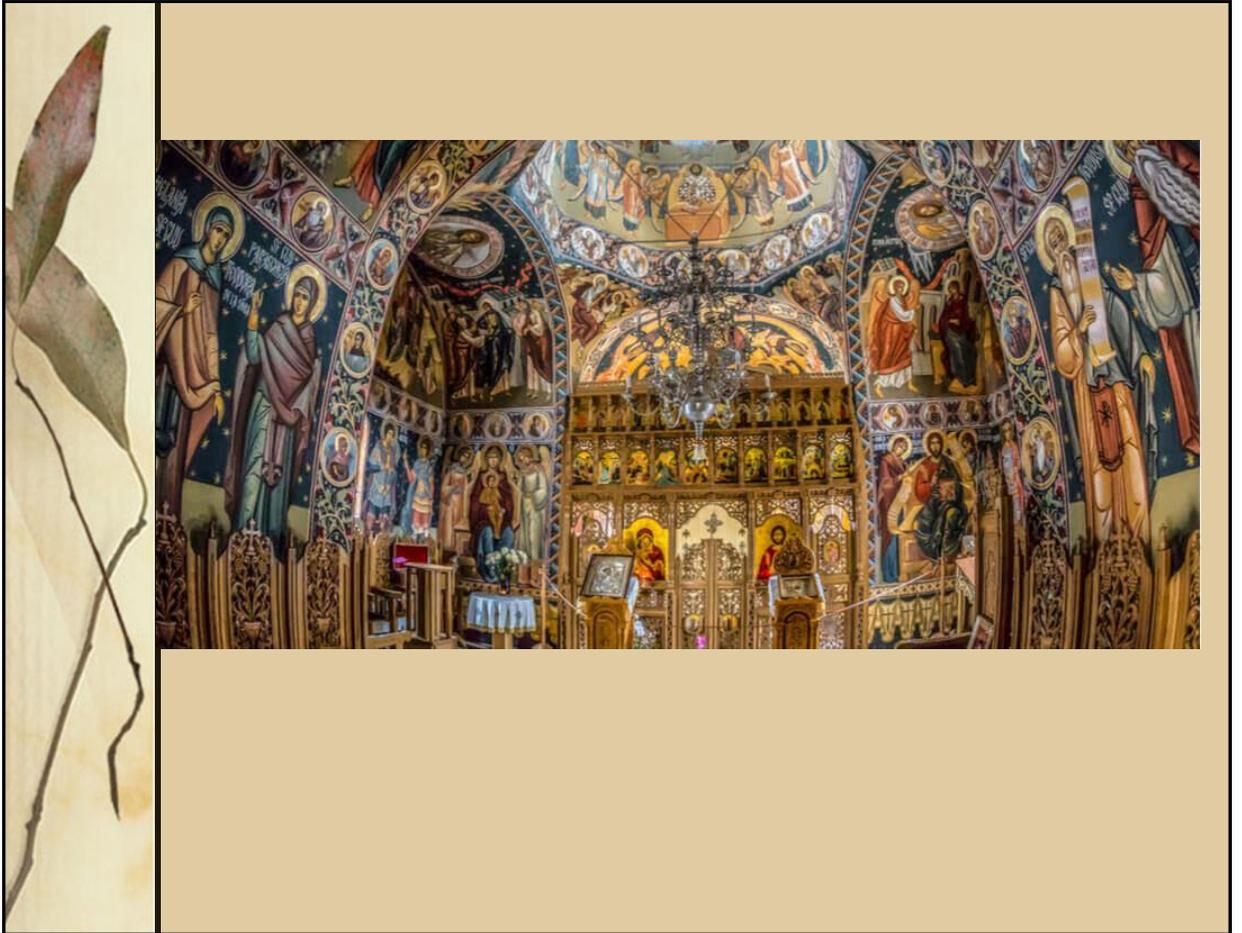
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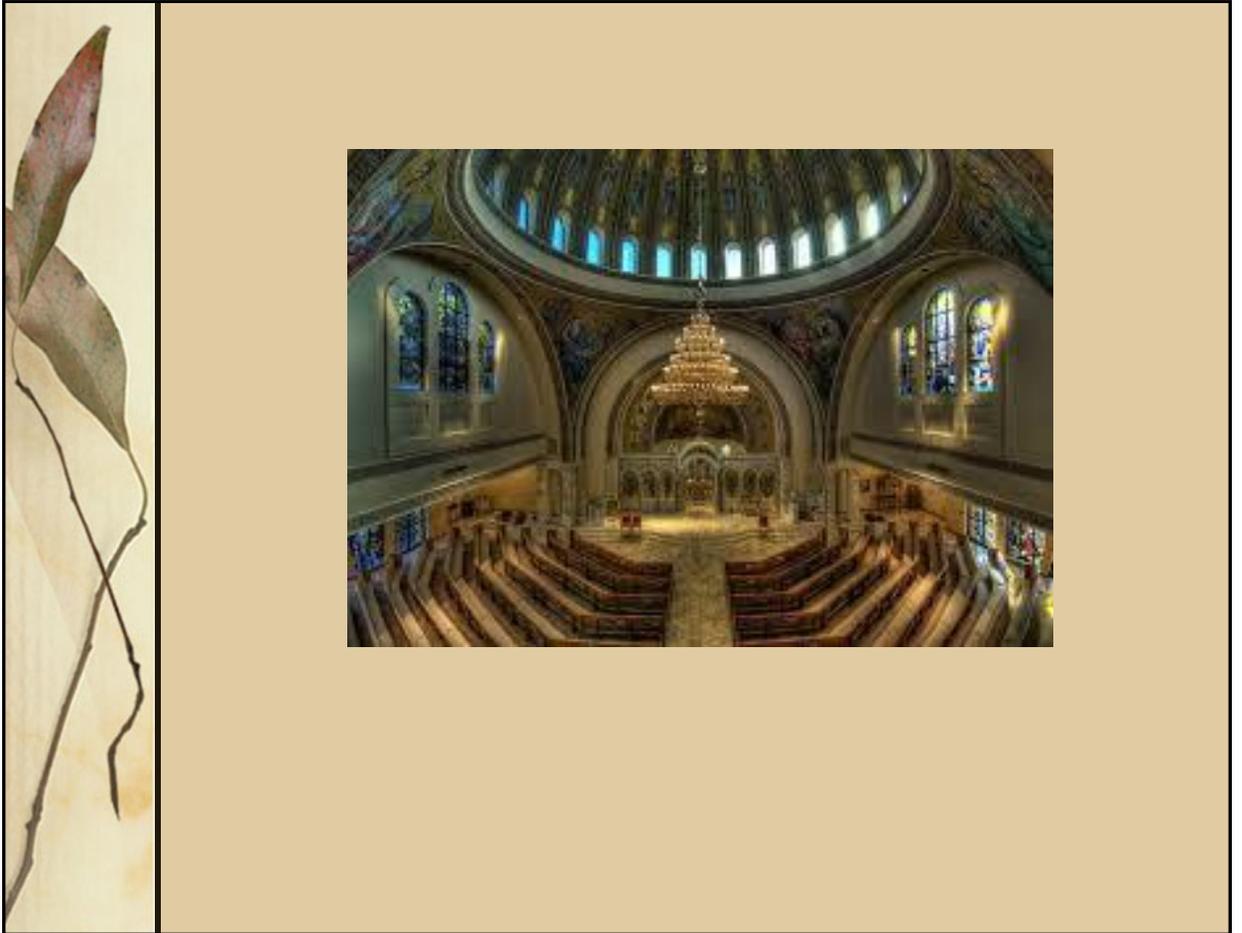


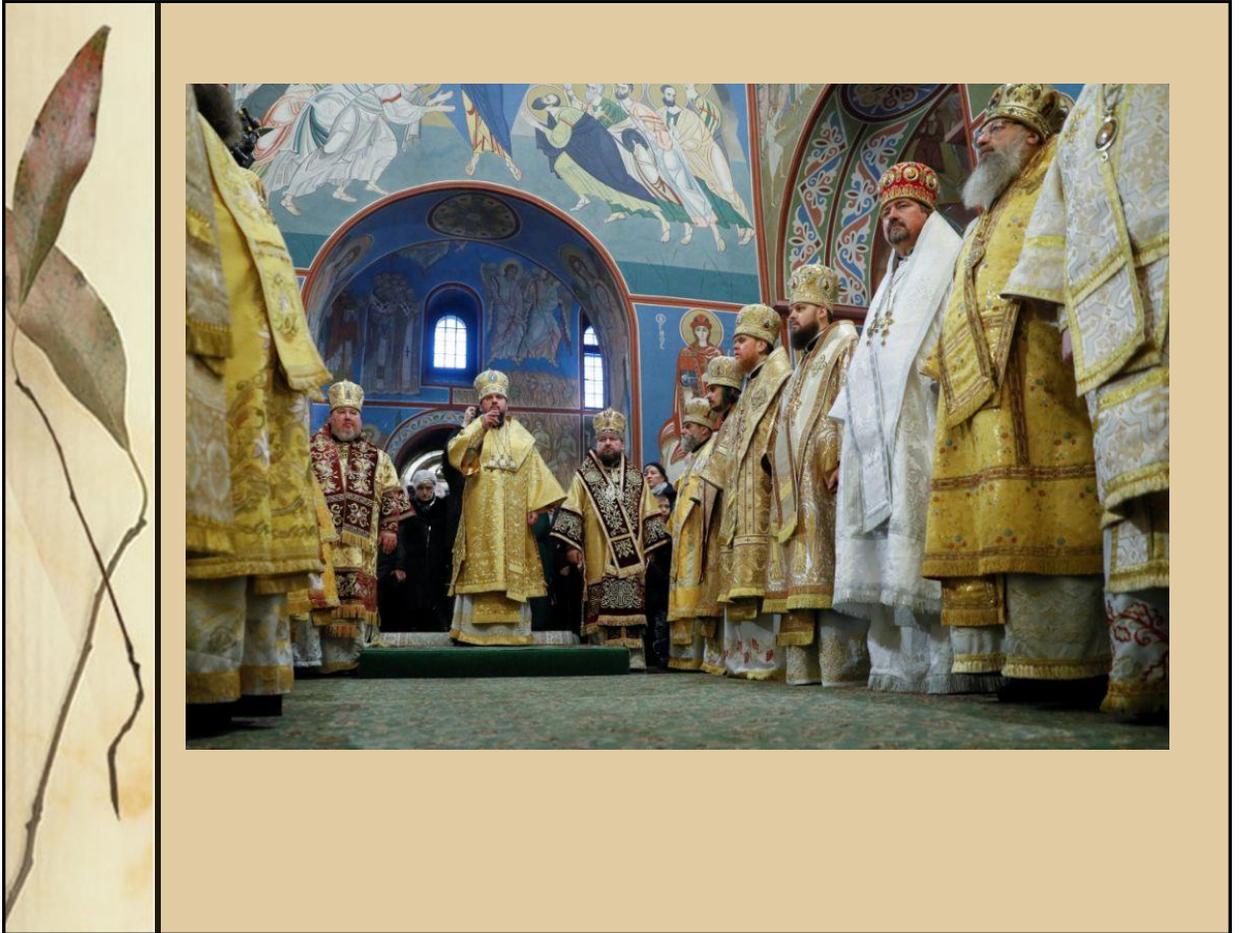
Three Ways of Knowing God

- 1) The rational (head knowledge).
- 2) The experiential (heart knowledge).
- 3) The mystical (spiritual knowledge).
 - *Inspiring a sense of spiritual mystery, awe, and fascination.*
 - *Oxford Dictionary*





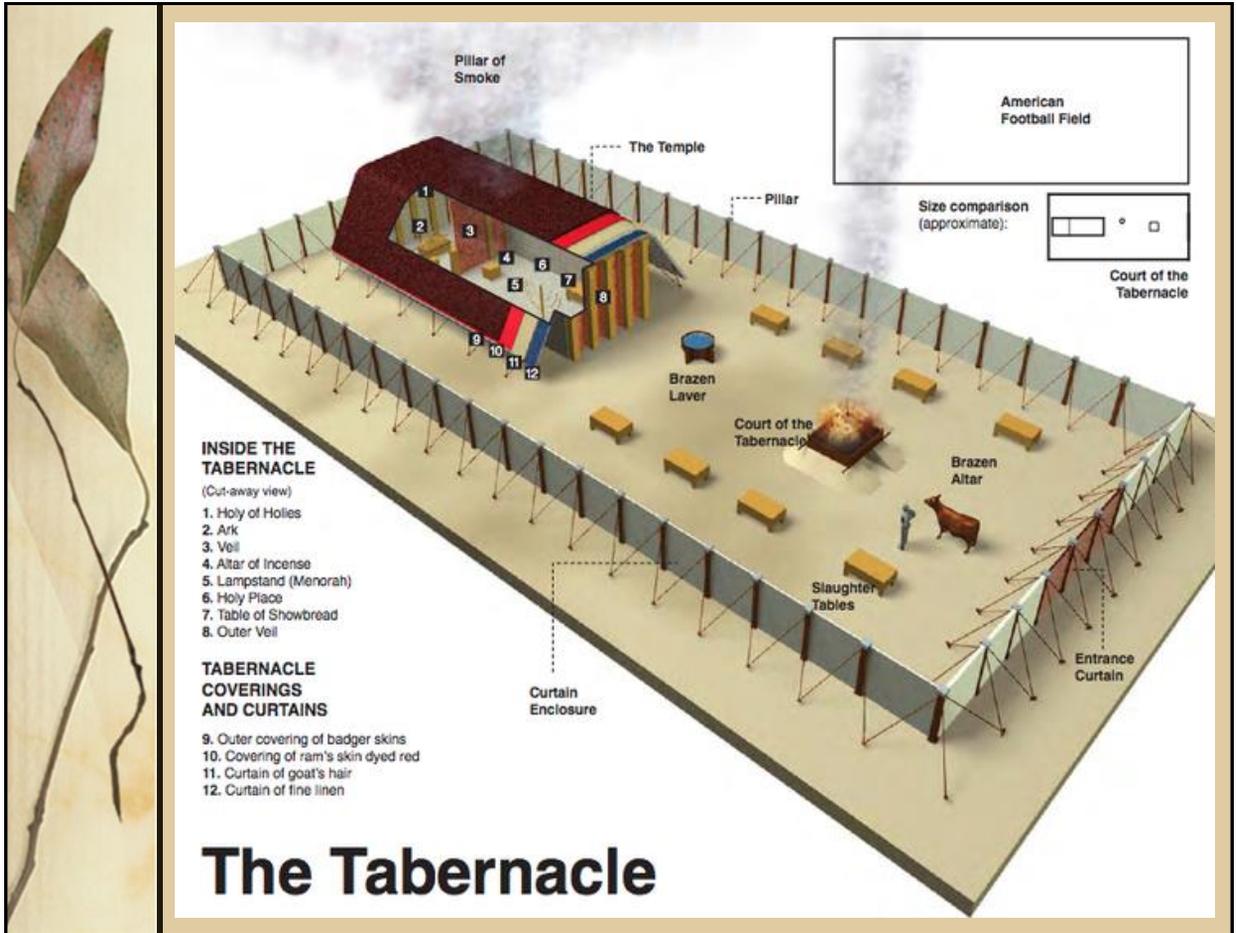






1. Review of the Tabernacle

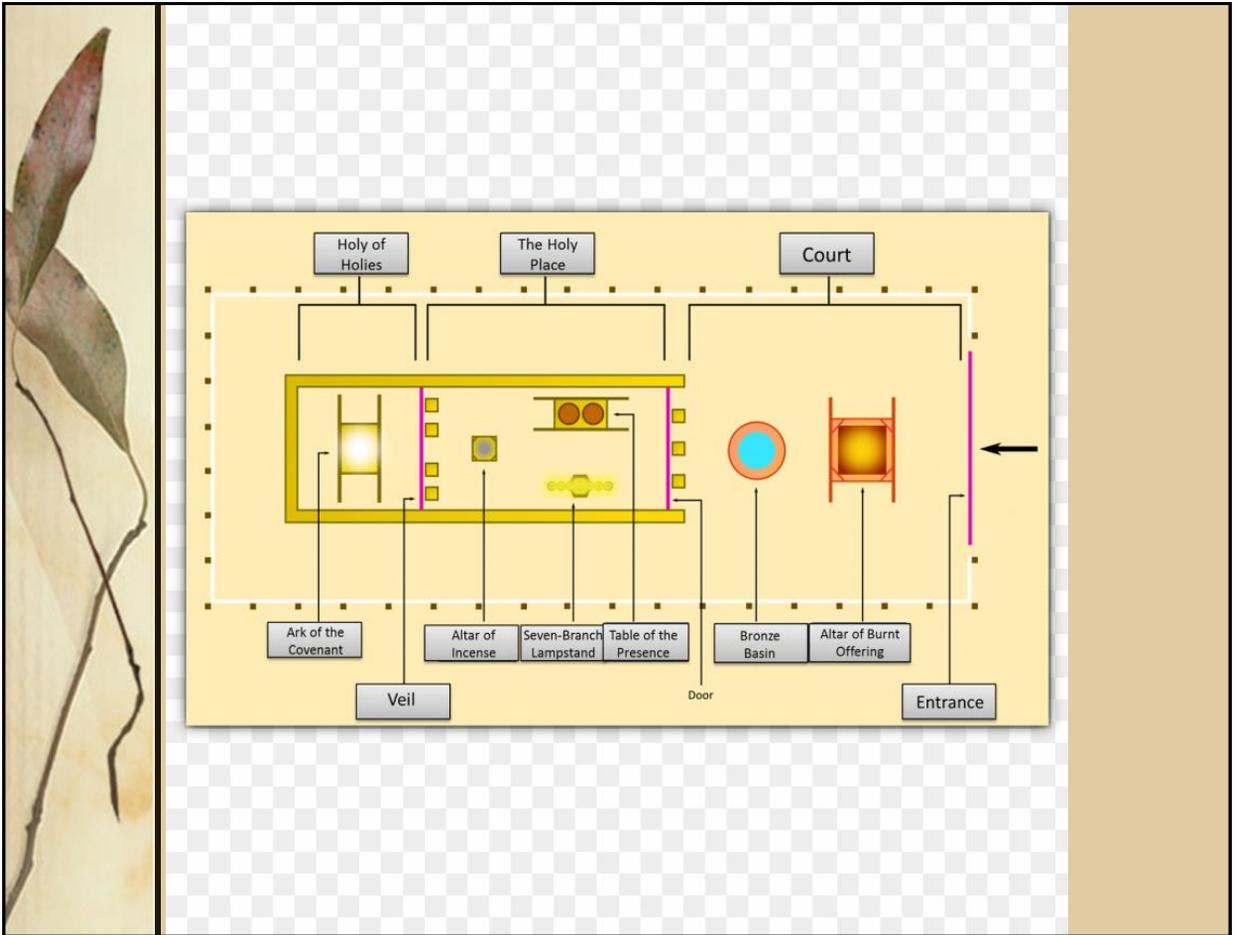
- ^{NIV} **Hebrews 9:1** Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary. ² A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand, the table and the consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place. ³ Behind the second curtain, was a room called the Most Holy Place [Holy of Holies], ⁴ which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered ark of the covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant. ⁵ Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover [mercy seat]. But we cannot discuss these things in detail now.





2. Entering the Tabernacle

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 9:6** Now when these things have been thus prepared, the priests are continually entering the outer tabernacle, performing the divine worship, ⁷ but into the second only the high priest enters, once a year, not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance.





a. God is Holy

- ^{NAS} **Leviticus 16:1** Now the LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they had approached the presence of the LORD and died.
- ^{NAS} **Leviticus 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.
- ^{NAS} **Leviticus 16:2** And the LORD said to Moses, "Tell your brother Aaron that he shall not enter at any time into the holy place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat.



b. He Can't be Approached Carelessly

- ^{NAS} **Leviticus 16:3** "Aaron shall enter the holy place with this: with a bull for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering. ⁴ "He shall put on the holy linen tunic, and the linen undergarments shall be next to his body, and he shall be girded with the linen sash, and attired with the linen turban (these are holy garments). Then he shall bathe his body in water and put them on. ⁵ "And he shall take from the congregation of the sons of Israel two male goats for a sin offering and one ram for a burnt offering. ⁶ "Then Aaron shall offer the bull for the sin offering which is for himself, that he may make atonement for himself and for his household. ...



- ^{NAS} **Leviticus 16:7** ... "And he shall take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting. ⁸ "And Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats, one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the scapegoat. ⁹ "Then Aaron shall offer the goat on which the lot for the LORD fell, and make it a sin offering. ¹⁰ "But the goat on which the lot for the scapegoat fell, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make atonement upon it, to send it into the wilderness as the scapegoat. ¹¹ "Then Aaron shall offer the bull of the sin offering which is for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his household, and he shall slaughter the bull of the sin offering which is for himself.



c. God Cannot be Seen

- ^{NAS} **Leviticus 16:12** "And he shall take a firepan full of coals of fire from upon the altar before the LORD, and two handfuls of finely ground sweet incense, and bring it inside the veil. ¹³ "And he shall put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that is on the ark of the testimony, lest he die. ¹⁴ "Moreover, he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat on the east side; also in front of the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.



3. The Type

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 9:8** The Holy Spirit is signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed, while the outer tabernacle is still standing, ⁹ which is a symbol for the present time. Accordingly both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience, ¹⁰ since they relate only to food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until a time of reformation.



4. The Reality

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 9:11** But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; ¹² and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.



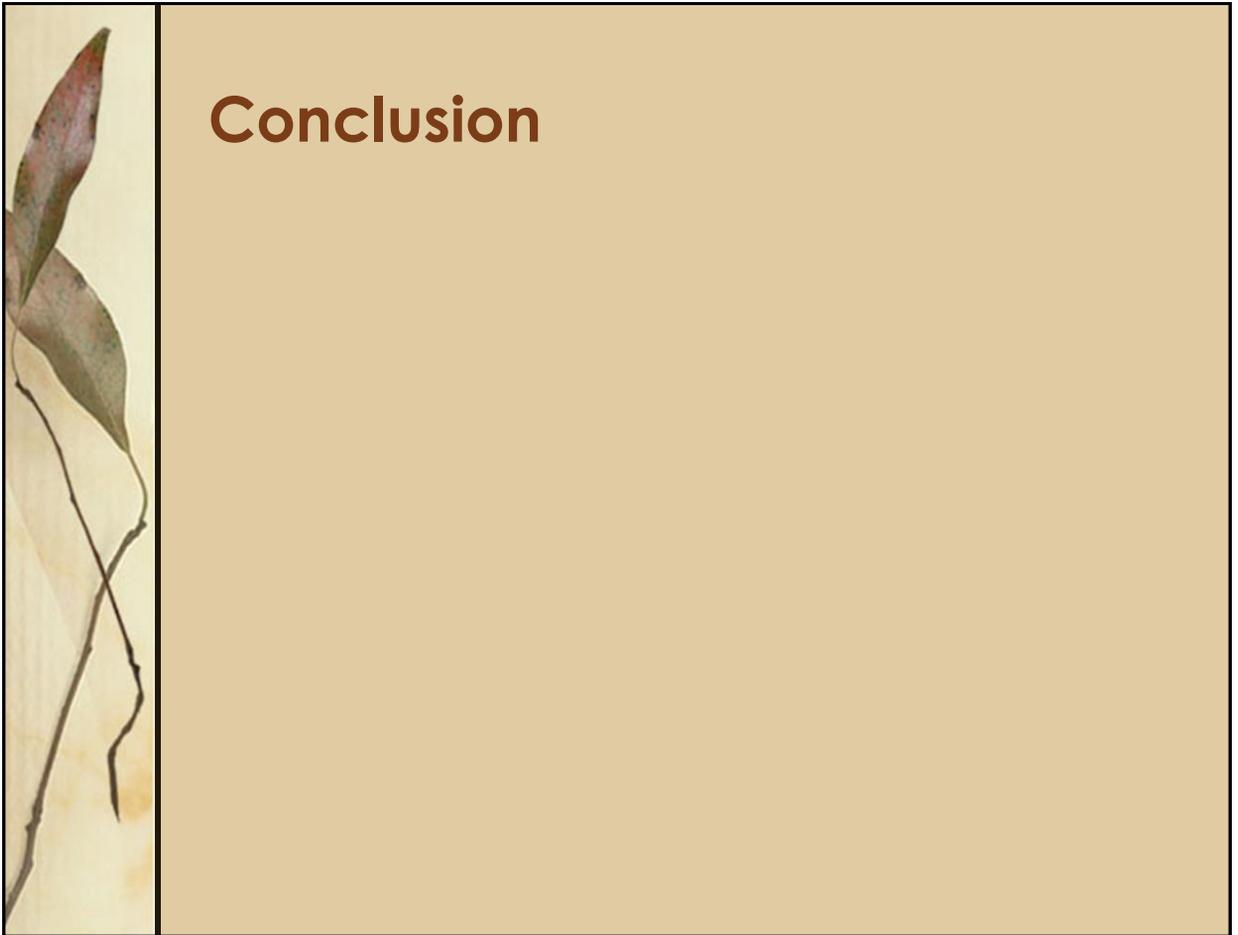
His Blood

- ^{NIV} **Luke 22:20** In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."
 - ^{NIV} **Matthew 26:28** This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
- 1) Sacrifices of Atonement (Leviticus 4-6, Isaiah 53)
 - Atonement for sin
 - Accomplishes reconciliation of man with God through forgiveness and cleansing.
 - 2) Blood of the covenant (Exodus 24:8)
 - Sanctification
 - Consecrated as holy to God and dedicated to his service.
 - 3) Announcement of New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34)
 - The New Covenant has arrived.



5. Clean, Inside and Out

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 9:13** For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?



Conclusion



Better Existence

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 9:14** how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
- ^{NAS} **Titus 3:5** He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,
- ^{ESV} **2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.



Better Access

- ^{NAS} **Leviticus 16:2** And the LORD said to Moses, "Tell your brother Aaron that he shall not enter at any time into the holy place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat.
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 6:19** This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, ²⁰ where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 4:16** Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.



Better Relationship

- ^{NIV} **Exodus 33:18** Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." ¹⁹ And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. ... ²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."
- ^{NAS} **2 Corinthians 3:18** But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.
- ^{NAS} **2 Corinthians 4:6** For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.



Better Hope

- ^{NAS} **Romans 8:1** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.
- ^{NAS} **1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- ^{ESV} **Psalm 51:10** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.