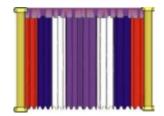
The Transitions of the Believer

Depicted in the Tabernacle

To enter into the tabernacle of God you must go through the GATE first.

The gate

Exodus 27:10-16; 38:14-19; John 10:9



"Go through the narrow gate."
(Matthew 7:13)

What is it that you seek?



e now stand at the Gate, for every man who stands at the Gate I would ask him this question, "What do you seek"? It is the right question to ask of someone standing at the gate.

WHAT DO YOU SEEK? ... God's power (His hand) or God presence (His face)? This reminds me of something I have learned over the years. If you seek God's hand (His rewards, gifts of service) and not His face, you will not find what you are looking for, or receive. If you seek God's face first (speaks of relationship with Him), you will find Him and then He will give you what is in His hand for you (His blessings). For those who seek Him will find Him and in Him is the keys to the Kingdom.

¹ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ew0H2W-B-AY

Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

GOD'S POWER is not for you it is for others through you. It does not change you it does not nourish you and does not maintain you. God's power does not feed you. God's power was seen by Israel, but they wanted to go back to Egypt. It was seen for 40 years and they rejected Him. His power was seen when Jesus walked the earth and they said to crucify him. God's power does not keep you alive

We need to enter into **GOD'S PRESENCE**. To find God is to find a life worth living on a much grandeur scale. God's presence is what you need for living, it nourishes you, it keeps you and transforms you into the image of Christ Jesus. Forget about yourself and with a humble heart on bended knee let Jesus transform you. God's great desire for you is that you be transformed into the image of His son.

The Tabernacle is the Road map. It is the pattern to enter into His presence where by you are transformed into His image.

Entering into flis presence

The Matter of Our Salvation

e have found our way to the Tabernacle that was built in the wilderness according to the word of God. Here is another place where I believe we find Jesus in the Old Testament. So far we have seen how He is pictured in the building of the Tabernacle. Now, more than anything else we want to meet Jesus. First we stand at the Gate because here is where we are introduced to Jesus,

here we find Him ... He is the Gate, the way to the Father. If you want to enter into the Tabernacle then there is only one way in. Let's go meet Jesus!

An Introduction to Jesus and the Four Revelations

Church Alert: The first transition of anyone seeking salvation happens at the Gate when he is introduced to Jesus. At the Gate there is repentance and the coming to Christ and accepting Him as Savior. Jesus became our sacrifice and High Priest for us.

Before you can enter into the presence of God you must experience the Gate. It is an introduction to Christ Jesus where you meet him as **SAVIOR** of your soul and **KING OF GLORY**. You met him as the **MAN CHRIST** and the **SON of GOD** these are the <u>four revelations of Jesus</u>. When we have experienced all four of these revelations we are then saved. For those who know Him only as "Man" their relationship / salvation doesn't last and they fall by the wayside.

Psalm 100:4, "Enter His gates with thanksgiving *And* His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name."

There was only one Gate to the Tabernacle and therefore one way in. The Gate was made of heavy draped material in four different colors, all having different meanings and represented

The Four different revelations of Jesus.

Exodus 26:36, "You shall make a screen for the doorway of the tent of blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen, the work of a weaver.

- 1. The white curtain In the Book of **MARK** we are introduced to Jesus. We identify with **JESUS THE MAN**. As soon as Jesus was baptized He identified himself with sinful humanity
- 2. The scarlet curtain In the Book of **LUKE** we find the Holy Spirit revealing to us **JESUS THE SAVIOR** / Redeemer. The man Christ who died on the cross and shed His blood.
- 3. The blue curtain In the Book of **JOHN** we experience Jesus in the revelation of the **SON OF GOD**. We begin to worship Him, praise and exalt Him.
- 4. The purple curtain In the Book of **MATTHEW** we finally know Him as **KING** and Matthew writes about His Kingdom. We ought to obey Jesus the King.

These four revelations represent Christ in His fullness to us at the time of our salvation.

Psa. 84:10 "One day spent in your Temple is better than a thousand anywhere else; I would rather stand at the gate of the house of my God than live in the homes of the wicked."

John 10:9, "I am the door (Gate): by me if any man enters in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

