

The Forgiveness of Sins in the old and new Covenant



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Introduction

We are told by Jesus that we will see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God. Hebrews 11 talks about all the saints that lived in the old testament times being in the kingdom of God. The foundation of the church is built upon the apostles and prophets. These men and women from the Old Testament are clearly going to be in the kingdom of God at the resurrection. The question is how were their sins forgiven if Jesus didn't appear and his blood sacrifice wasn't available in some cases for 4,000 years?

It is important to understand how sins were handled in the Old Testament times vs now, in new Testament times.

Adam sins thus breaking the Covenant

The definition of the Covenant is;

“I will be your God and you will be my people”.

That means you agree to obey God and he promises to take care of all your needs. Sin enters in when one violates his instructions, or his law.

To be allowed back into the presence of God one needs to be justified.

The first man Adam broke the Covenant when he disobeyed God and took something that wasn't his to take, the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. That broke the Covenant with God.

Hos 6:7 But like Adam, you broke my covenant and betrayed my trust.

Once Adam broke the Covenant a Savior would be required. Both for him and all his offspring since they were now cut off from God's presence and from the holy spirit.

Not only did Adam break the Covenant but all of mankind did as well. You can break the Covenant without even knowing there is one.

The entire earth therefore is under sin from breaking that Covenant.

Isa 24:5 NLT 5 The earth suffers for the sins of its people, for they have twisted God's instructions, violated his laws, and broken his everlasting covenant.

God's plan to reconcile the world to himself included a sacrifice that would take care of all the sins of the world. That sacrifice would be of himself. The “Word became flesh”. The reason flesh? So he could die.

We learn this plan was set in motion from the beginning of the world.

Revelation 13:8 8 ...whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

But what of the sins repented of prior to Christ's sacrifice?

The blood of this Lamb would not be available for another 4,000 years.

God showed us personally just how those sins would be dealt with.

They would need to be “covered” until the time the blood of Christ would be available and then they could be forgiven.

That covering was shown by God by the first animal sacrifice.

God Introduces the First Animal Sacrifice

God, in the Garden of Eden, actually performed the first sacrifice to *cover* their nakedness and the sin of man. Adam and Eve’s sin of rebellion was symbolized by their “nakedness” which needed to be “covered”.

When “the Word” killed and skinned that first sacrifice for Adam and Eve, he was picturing his own future sacrificial death as the Lamb of God. The blood from THAT future sacrifice would be sufficient to cover all human sins.

Man’s nakedness in the Garden symbolized their sin and the covering up with an animal skin symbolized the “covering” of the sin *until* the appearance of the Messiah.

Until that day four thousand years in the future man’s sins could be “covered”.

Psa 85:2 KJV 2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin.

But since this covering pictured something very precious it had to meet a certain criteria. That’s why we have glimpses of Christ in all the sacrifices.

We saw, in the case of Adam, that the plant leaves were NOT acceptable. Later the animal sacrifice had to be clean animals and most of the time a first born male. There were a lot of rules pertaining to the sacrifice for that sacrifice was picturing the *perfect* sacrifice to come.

So when Abraham, Isaac and Jacob’s sins were covered did that make them just as clean as one whose sins are forgiven? Are the Saints of the so called “new” Testament cleaner than those of the “old” Testament?

Let’s look at the Covering of Sins vs. the Forgiveness of Sins.

How the Covering of Sin Works

Let's take an example of you owing a HUGE financial debt, in fact it was so huge that there is no way you would ever be able to repay the Banker, even in a 100 lifetimes.

The Rich Man, Banker and Debtor

Now a rich man (Christ) calls up your Banker (the Father) and makes this offer to handle your debt. He says;

‘I’ll cover his debt. But, I’m out of the country and I won’t be back in town for about four months. Therefore I won’t actually be able to physically pay the debt with the gold pieces until then. However, I want you to put his debt on my account and I’ll pay it in full when I come. I will cover it’

Now the banker has had a life long relationship with the rich man. He knows that he certainly has the ability to pay the debt in full and his word has always be good as gold. An agreement is reached and the Banker transfers the debt from you to the rich man and releases you from your debt. Your debt has now been “covered”.

If You are Covered You are Clean

As far as your relationship with the Banker, since you are paid up and all accounts are “square”, you are justified in his eyes. No need to avoid the Banker. The rich man has redeemed you.

But, in fact, YOUR debt has only been **covered** not paid mind you. The debt is still unpaid **but** is now between the Banker and the Rich man.

It has been transferred from your account to the account of the Rich Man for FUTURE payment. However, YOU are off the hook. You are in the clear. Your slate is clean. You may approach the Banker with a clear conscience.

But the Rich man still needs to settle accounts with the Banker.

Time to Pay in Full what was Covered

When the Rich Man arrives on the scene he will need to make the payment. In this example the debt can be paid with silver and gold. But in our case our debts require more than silver and gold as payment. Our actual payment require the sacrifice and death of the Rich Man.

This is why Jesus came as a sacrifice but NOT a king or a judge. In fact he hid when the people tried to make him king¹ and told his disciples that he was not their judge²...yet.

He had to come to pay the debt for all sin and thus save the world.³

The Apostle John relays how Christ appeared before the Father (Banker) ready, willing and able to pay in full the debt of all sin.

The story is laid out in **Revelation Chapter Five**.

"Stop weeping! Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the heir to David's throne, has won the victory... Then I saw a Lamb that looked as if it had been slaughtered..."

8 And when he took the scroll, the four living beings and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb...And they sang a new song with these words:

"You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation."

This is when ALL sins are forgiven. But prior to the death and resurrection of Christ, sins were covered. But covered is as good as forgiven in the sinners case.

We see that those repentant sinners, prior to the appearance of Christ, could be set free from debt by having their sins "covered" their debt was transferred.

Sometimes God had them offer animal sacrifices as a sign that they understood what was at stake.

Most people today have never slaughtered an animal. Not heard or seen the pain it endures. Watched the life drain away and the eyes dim as its life blood pours out.

¹ Jhn 6:15 KJV 15 When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

² Jhn 12:47 KJV 47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

³ Jhn 1:29 NLT 29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

This pictures eternal death for the unforgiven sinner! We are told “the wages of sin is DEATH”⁴

These sacrifices cost time, money and effort but there was a powerful lesson there. The act also showed they understood, accepted and had faith in the generous “offer” of the Rich Man.

The animal’s blood didn’t forgive sins but those sacrifices pointed to the one to come.⁵

It took faith to believe that the debt was gone from their account. David said of his sins “*as far as east is from the west he removes from us our sins*”.⁶ His sins were Covered but notice, as far as he is concerned, they are long gone!

It takes Faith to become Debt Free

The *covering of the debt* brought one back into the good graces of the Banker, even in the so called “old” Covenant. They were DEBT FREE. A relationship with God was now possible.

We as forgiven sinners have no sin or debt and can draw near to God with a clean heart and conscience.

Hebrews 10:22 NKJV 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

However, one must believe in that covering in order to develop that relationship.

If you really don’t believe in the “rich man” and his generosity and don’t really believe that you and the Banker are “squared up” you won’t take advantage of the relationship with either parties.

If you still think you aren’t off the hook for your debts you might avoid the Banker at any cost. Or you might try to “pay” some of the debt by doing something, like keeping the law. But the law describes sin but doesn’t forgive it.⁷

⁴ Romans 6:23

⁵ Hebrews 10:4 NLT 4 For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

⁶ Psalms 103:12

⁷ John 3:4 “...for sin is the transgression of the law”.

For example if you were issued a parking ticket and owe the fine, the keeping of all traffic laws henceforth is good but would NOT pay the old tickets. But if someone were to forgive your ticket you would want to obey the laws out of gratitude and because they are for the safety of yourself as well as other.

We need to accept the FREE gift and appreciate the relationship we can now have with both the Father and Jesus Christ.

Before or After Christ's Death - Both are Debt Free

Is our forgiveness better than the forgiveness offered to the Ancients prior to the appearance of the Messiah and Redeemer?

The answer is NO.

In our analogy the Banker accepted the promise of a FUTURE payment for the debt. But for the debtor his bill that was "covered" was as good as paid.

For us living today the Rich Man has been sacrificed and resurrected. Now he **pays** our debt immediately upon repentance. Sins are no longer covered but forgiven.

This is why there are no more sacrifices because all they did was cover the sins. But when the payment is made there is no more need for the covering or the act of covering. Those animal sacrifices ceased upon the sacrifice of the Messiah, which they pictured

However, whether your sins are **covered** prior to Christ's appearance or forgiven after his death, the result for the sinner is the same.

Forgiveness is Instant Now

Something happened in the temple during the crucifixion that showed that access to forgiveness was now instant and one no longer had to wait for the annual Day of Atonement. It was on that holy day in the past that the high priest went inside the Veil and sprinkled blood on the Mercy Seat. That seat was introduced after the sin of the Golden Calf and God told the people that he would not go up and walk among them.

The Torn Veil

But concerning the removal of debts occurred in the so called new Testament the Rich Man is here. The debt can be instantly paid for he is here. No need to cover sin until his return, he's here and alive!

We are justified by his death and saved by his life. (Rom 5:10)

When Jesus died on the stake the Veil shielding the Holy of Holies was torn in two thus allowing access.

Mat 27:50-51 KJV 50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. 51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

What was the significance of the torn veil happening upon Christ death?

We know from other scriptures that the high priest was allowed entrance through the veil **ONLY once a year**, on the Day of Atonement.

But upon Christ death that veil was torn in two *from the top to the bottom*.

This act showed the high priest could now enter ANY TIME, not just once a year. The tearing coming from the TOP down signified that it was God doing. It was He that was allowing instant and continuous entrance.

So in the past when you offered a sacrifice for your sins your sin was covered until Day of Atonement when once a year the high priest entered through the Veil to the Mercy Seat and asked God to forgive those sins. They were forgiven as far as you were concerned as long as you remained in the Covenant. The debt was covered, atoned.

But a human high priest offering the blood of animals **could not** take away sin.

Hebrews 10:1, 11 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. ...

11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

Both the priest and the blood were **types** of what was to come. These sins were covered and did not count against the sinner any longer BUT they still remained. The actual forgiveness and COMPLETE removal of sin had to wait. As we read these sacrifices were a “*shadow of things to come*”.

Many High Priests Replaced by ONE

However the 10th chapter of that book explains that now our sins are forgiven, not just covered. There’s no need for sacrifices to show us our sins are covered. It’s belief in Jesus Christ, our new and everliving High Priest, who paid our debts with his life that we recognize our sins are forgiven.

When the veil was torn it allowed the NEW high priest entrance. That entrance was gain by his own blood, not because of his genealogy.

Hebrews 9:11-12 NKJV 11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

His sacrifice and appearance before the Father with the currency for FULL payment brought eternal **redemption**, not just a covering for all that believe on him. It is real forgiveness for all sin forever.

The purpose of the animal sacrifices were to remind of sins not forgive them.

Hebrews 10:3-4 NLT 3 But instead, those sacrifices actually reminded them of their sins year after year. 4 For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

What the blood of animals did was COVER your sins by TRANSFERRING them to Jesus Christ, the “rich man”. The sacrifices reminded us of the one who was to come and be sacrificed.

God laid our sins on him it says.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Now all debts, past covered ones and present ones are and can be wiped clean. For the first time in history sins are truly FORGIVEN.

Now that the veil is open any **new** debts or sins can be instantly paid upon repentance for the “rich man” is here. Christ has instant 24/7/365 access.

The past observance of the holy day called Day of Atonement and the ceremonies of that day pointed to this **future** event.

Now, when observing this annual holy day, we are looking back upon that blessed event as a **memorial**.

Joining a High Priest that NEVER Dies

Jesus is the new High Priest and, since he lives forever, has entered into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. He’s in the heavenly temple which is what the physical temple pictured.

No longer is that physical tabernacle or the animal sacrifices that went with it needed because what that system pictured has actually come to pass in Christ.

Hebrews 9:24 NLT 24 For Christ did not enter into a holy place made with human hands, which was only a copy of the true one in heaven. He entered into heaven itself to appear now before God on our behalf.

We can also enter into the presence of the Father with Christ if we are baptized INTO the body of Christ.

[Heb 10:19-22 NLT] 19 And so...we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus.

20 By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place.

21 And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house,

22 let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

Prophecy of Joshua and the Removal of Sin

The Lessons of the Filthy Garments Aaron's Garments

Aaron was the high priest ever since Moses turned down the job. Someone from Aaron's bloodline was to be anointed as the High Priest and rule until he died.

But notice, the blood of the sacrifice signifying the **original** ordination of Aaron's son was sprinkled on those garments.

Exo 29:29 KJV 29 And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his sons' after him, to be anointed therein, and to be consecrated in them.

Anytime a new high priest was ordained he was be sprinkled with additional new blood in his ordination ceremony and continue to wear that original garment for seven days. However, after the seven days they were to be removed and kept until the next ordination. They would be in storage for years since each high priest reined until their death.

*Exo 29:19, 21, 29-30 KJV 19 And thou shalt take the other ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram. ...
21 And thou shalt take of the blood that is upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him: and he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him. ...*

So not only was the blood there from Aaron's day, but his sons, AND his son's son's day. In other words from now on the garments of the high priest would bear the blood of the sacrifice for each generation. The garments would only been worn during the ordination and then only seven more days before being retired and stored until next time.

29 And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his sons' after him, to be anointed therein, and to be consecrated in them.

30 And that son that is priest in his stead shall put them on seven days, when he cometh into the tabernacle of the congregation to minister in the holy place .

Why only Worn for Seven Days

But why only seven days and then off into storage? Because it was to show there was to be a **permanent** high priest to come. It was to HIM that those garments belonged. These descendants of Aaron were just a type of the High Priest to come and death prevented them from remaining in that role.⁸ The coming high priest would rule, not just for a human life span but **forever**.

The blood of the sacrifices, pictured the sins REMOVED from the people and placed upon the high priest. Those garments and all of the sins that went with them would belong, be transferred to the coming high priests. They remain on that office until that High Priest to come would offer BETTER sacrifice that would not just COVER those sins but FORGIVE them. Christ suffering and death was that sacrifice, not the blood of bulls and goats.⁹

When that would be completed in the future the garments of that high priest would no longer be bloody.

Those garments should have been held in a sort of *Israel National Smithsonian* until the appearance of that true High Priest. They should have been available for Jesus when he appeared.

The lesson of the coming of a new and *special* High Priest bringing forgiveness of sin should have been emphasized every generation or two with death of the old high priest and the ordination of the new one.

Imagine the lessons that would occur each time that anointing took place. The High Priest Garment would be sprinkled with a new coat of blood at the ordination of the new high priest. These layers would be put on about every 50 years since the High Priest served until their death. The garments would certainly be *quite filthy* after 1,500 years.

⁸ [Heb. 7:23 NLT] There were many priests under the old system, for death prevented them from remaining in office.

⁹ [Heb 10:5-6 NLT] 5 That is why, when Christ came into the world, he said to God, "You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings. But you have given me a body to offer. 6 You were not pleased with burnt offerings or other offerings for sin.

Why do the Filthy Garments belong on the High Priest

Prior to his sacrifice Jesus would put on these filthy garments, the blood representing the sins of the people down through the generations.

But Christ even in the OT took on the sins of the people. The sins were covered as far as the people were concerned.

Their Debt was assumed by Christ to be paid in full by his death when he came. So the people's sins are REMOVED from them but they can NOT be forgiven yet. They now are on the head of the high priest.

God said in Isa 53 that he laid the iniquity of us all on the suffering servant to come.¹⁰

So, his garments are filthy, *not with his sins* but the sins of the people that were transferred to him. After the death of our Saviour, the fact that all the sins were forgiven was symbolized by *new clean garments*.

There was a ceremony that pictured that recorded for us in the book of Zec.

Clean Garments and a Crown

There was a prophecy recorded in the book of Zechariah that showed that these garments would be stripped away from someone named Joshua (*the Greek name for Joshua is Jesus*) and that he would be given NEW garments thus symbolizing the removing all of the past present and future sins of Israel and of the entire world.

This Priest would also receive a Crown thus making someone named Joshua both "*King and Priest*".

There are profound lessons about removal of sin by someone named "Joshua" was to occur at least once in everyone's generation.

Let's take a look at this prophecy.

Zec 3:1-5 KJV 1 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

¹⁰ [Isa 53:5 NKJV] 5 But He [was] wounded for our transgressions, [He was] bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace [was] upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

2 And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. 4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said,

Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

5 And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.

Zec 3:6-7 KJV 6 And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying, 7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

The filthy garments mentioned are the generations of dried blood which represent the filthy actions and transgressions of the people down through the ages that were laid upon the coming Christ when people repented and offered the sacrifice.

That sin belonged now to Christ hence the bloody, filthy garments. But the blood of bulls and goats can not remove sin so the filth remained until a “better” sacrifice was offered. That sacrifice was of course the body of Christ.¹¹

Once that offering took place there was no more place for the offering of the blood of animals and the sins had been COVERED were paid for and forgiven. Now the old garments are traded for clean white ones.

Crown Stored Too

There was a crown that was to be placed on the head of Joshua. When the real Joshua or better known by his Greek name Jesus came the crown had no doubt been lost as worth a high priests filthy garments.

Instead our high priest was crowned with one made of thorns. The original crown should've been stored alongside the filthy garments and kept in Trust for the one coming. These instructions also foretold the day coming when the the role of high priest and king would be merged into one person. A King and a Priest.

¹¹ [Heb 10:5 NLT] 5 That is why, when Christ came into the world, he said to God, "You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings. But you have given me a body to offer.

These roles had been split between two persons since Moses turned down the priesthood. As a result of that the priesthood went to the brother of Moses, Aaron.

Notice how these two roles are prophesied to come together in one person.

Zec 6:10-14 NLT 10 "Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah will bring gifts of silver and gold from the Jews exiled in Babylon. As soon as they arrive, meet them at the home of Josiah son of Zephaniah. 11 Accept their gifts, and make a crown from the silver and gold. Then put the crown on the head of Jeshua (Joshua) son of Jehozadak, the high priest.

12 Tell him, 'This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: Here is the man called the Branch. He will branch out from where he is and build the Temple of the LORD. 13 Yes, he will build the Temple of the LORD. Then he will receive royal honor and will rule as king from his throne. He will also serve as priest from his throne, and there will be perfect harmony between his two roles.'

14 "The crown will be a memorial in the Temple of the LORD to honor those who gave it--Heldai, Tobijah, Jedaiah, and Josiah son of Zephaniah."

It is hard to miss the lessons that are so descriptively laid out here. The leaders and the people were being told that in the future someone named *Joshua* will be King *and* Priest and remove the sins of the nation. He will then go on and rule.

He will build the temple, but we know God doesn't live in temples built with hands. This was a prophecy of the founding of the elect ones, called the Church, who would replace the Levites and be the leaders of Israel.

They will be helping the new King and Priest to rule that nation.

Ruling with Jesus (Joshua)

There's also a prophecy in this same section that describes the followers of "Joshua" who will one day be priests and rulers under Jesus.

These followers will sit with Christ and there is a prophecy of the stone (Church) with seven eyes, which possibly means the seven church eras mentioned in the first three chapters of the Book of Revelation.

Zec 3:8-10 KJV 8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.

*9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and
I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.*

10 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.

It clearly points to the sacrifice for sin and the removal of sin. It did happen “in one day”, the day Joshua or Jesus was crucified.

What follows is a millennial time of peace with this “Joshua” as a sinless high priest surrounded and assisted by righteous helpers. We are told we will sit WITH Christ in his throne.

Rev 3:21 KJV 21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

White Garments Replace the Filthy Ones

This shows the returning King and Priest will already have his white garments.

Dan 7:9 KJV 9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

Mat 17:2 KJV 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

Did you ever notice how the garments Christ is wearing in all the visions after his resurrection are described as “white”.

Transfiguration shows the coming Kingdom

This vision occurred during the *Feast of Tabernacles* and pictured the coming 1,000 year rule. Appearing in the vision were Elijah, who represented the priest side of rulership and Moses, who was the ruling side. Note the garments Jesus, or Joshua is wearing.

The filthy garments representing sin are GONE. Replaced by pure white garments. His old garments are gone. This is why John notes the garment left behind in the tomb.

Christians receive new white garments as well

Rev 3:4-5, 18 KJV 4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. 5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. ...

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Rev 6:11 KJV 11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

Rev 7:13 KJV 13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

Rev 7:14 KJV 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.



The Bride of Christ is dressed in white as well.

Rev 19:7-8 KJV 7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Rev 19:14 KJV 14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

We must believe and have faith that we are now debt free. Saints are reconciled to the Father through the payment of those debts, both past and future by Jesus. We can build a relationship with both the Father and Jesus and when we sin, and we will, we have instant access to forgiveness by simply dropping to our knees and BOLDLY joining our High Priest in entering, not the holy of holies but into the actual presence of His Father and our Father.

So it is so important to understand that the saints of the old Testament were just as forgiven as we, it is just their sins were placed upon Jesus for later forgiveness.

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Foot Washing lesson

John 13:4, 12 KJV 4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. ... 12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

The initial garments he wore during dinner represented his being “clothed” with eternal life as the Word. He rose from his position and laid aside eternal life and “the Word became flesh”.

He was wrapped in flesh and, like the towel, he used that flesh to cleanse us. Imagine how dirty that towel was after washing the feet of 12 disciples. Much like the “filthy garments” of Joshua. It was no doubt cast aside like his flesh and then he re-wrapped himself in his first garment and sat back down. The lesson is clear.

He laid down that existence and became a human servant. By laying aside those garments and washing the feet of the disciples he showed his role here on earth was to serve. When finished he cast aside the towel or human flesh which was used up. He put back on the garments he wore before and sat down back with the Father from whence he came. This showed his resurrection and ascension back to his former position.

He, once again was clothed with immortality.

Jesus and the Bloody Garments

The Prophecy Still Fulfilled

Crown of Thorns a Robe & a Stick

Mat 27:29 KJV 29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

In addition to this crown and “scepter” we find a robe.

Mar 15:17 KJV 17 And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his head,

And hailed him as “king”.

*Mar 15:18 KJV 18 And began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews!
Wrote “King of the Jews”. Luke 23:38*

John the Baptist’s Role in Preparing

The role was to prepare the people, including the leadership as they could have been the Apostles.

Jesus Co-operated with the Leadership

Healed a man and told him to go see the priest and make the appropriate offering.

Jesus Rejects the leaders

This didn't happen until they rejected the Holy Spirit and called it evil.

Mat 12:24, 31-32 KJV 24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. ... 31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto

*men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.
32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven
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neither in this world, neither in the world to come.*

Should the leaders have recognized Jesus?

Foretelling of the coming Priest and King

The Jews to this day do not recognize that the Messiah had to come as a suffering
Messiah first.

The 24 Elders in Rev cast their crowns at the feet of Jesus. This is what should have
occurred with the high priest.

*Rev 4:4, 10-11 KJV 4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the
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*10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that
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*11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things,
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*John 11:47-53 KJV 47 Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said,
What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.*

*48 If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take
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50 Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.

51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; 52 And not for that nation only, but that also the whole world.

Instead the the Apostle John records the discussion and final judgement rendered by the high priest at the time. The verdict - kill Christ to save their place and nation.

The High Priest was in fact supposed to surrender to Christ and yet offer him as the ultimate sacrifice. That is what happened, though not exactly as planned.

he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. 53 Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.

Once again the leaders of Israel failed to see the vision and let the people down. The “Filthy” Garments Belonged to Jesus

The high priest living at the time of the appearance of Jesus should have brought that garment out and place it around the shoulders of the Christ. He should have voluntarily surrendered his earthly role to the Anointed One.

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