



The Mercy Seat & the church of Christ by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

The Mercy Seat & Church of Christ **Hebrews 9:1-15**

Introduction:

1. The Mosaic Law lasted until Jesus came **Galatians 3:19**
2. The Law of Moses was to lead to Jesus **Galatians 3:24-25**
3. Once Christ came, the law was to end **Cf John 3:30**
4. "The last days" ended Jews and began Jesus Christ **Hebrews 1:1-2;**
Romans 9:6-8
5. Jesus is NOT a priest on earth **Hebrews 8:4**
6. King & priest from the same throne! **Zechariah 6:12; Acts 2:30-31;**
Hebrews 3:1; 9:11

Discussion:

I. "The First" v.1 was "Symbolic" v.11

A. Outside

1. Brass Altar

- a. before laver **Exodus 40:7**
- b. 5 x 5 cubits, horn on each corner **Exodus 27:1-2**
- c. Sacrifice for sin offered

2. Laver

- a. Aaron and sons completely washed **Exodus 29:4**
- b. Then dressed as priests **Exodus 29:5-9**
- c. Then sacrifices offered for them **Exodus 29:1-3, 10-37**
- d. "Whatever touches the altar must be holy" **Exodus 29:37**

B. Inside "the first part"

1. Table for Showbread **Exodus 37:9-16; Leviticus 24:5-9**
2. Gold Lampstand **Exodus 37:17-24**
3. Altar of Incense **Exodus 37:25-28; 30:7-9; 30:34-38**

C. Inside "the second part"

1. The Ark **Exodus 25:10-16**
2. Two Cherubim, facing each other, wings covering the mercy seat
Exodus 25:17-21
3. "And there I will meet with you" **Exodus 25:22**
4. The veil was ripped in two **Mark 15:37-38**

II. "The Greater and More Perfect Tabernacle" v.11

A. Outside Acts 2:38

1. "Repent [sinner's sacrifice] and be baptized" Acts 2:38 In baptism, Christ is put on as priestly garment Galatians 3:26-27
2. Jews who understood were obedient Acts 2:41; 6:7
3. God wants only priests to offer spiritual sacrifices
 - a. John 4:23-24
 - b. 1 Peter 2:5 - "a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ"

B. Inside - first part = church Acts 2:42

1. Word of light
 - a. Jesus Christ John 8:12
 - b. Always preached 2 Corinthians 4:5; Luke 24:44-45
2. Table of showbread
 - a. Jesus Christ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 - b. Spread weekly Acts 20:7
3. Altar of Incense/ Prayers
 - a. Revelation 5:8
 - b. 1 Thessalonians 5:17
 - c. NON Priests must not be used to offer these!!!

C. Inside - "heaven itself"

1. Hebrews 9:24 -
2. The "veil" is death Romans 3:24-25; Hebrews 10:19-22
3. The "mercy seat" is Jesus' grave
 - a. John 20:11-12
 - b. Salvation begins there 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
 - c. All worship begins there Hebrews 13:15-16
4. The "veil" will be destroyed 1 Corinthians 15:25-26

Conclusion:

1. The church of Christ is the temple of God 2 Corinthians 6:16
2. Only priests should offer proper sacrifices Hebrews 13:10
3. The priesthood is open to all who will qualify Mark 16:15-16
4. Sinning priests must repent Acts 8:22

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