

GOD HAS A PLAN FOR EVERY PART OF YOUR LIFE

(Our God is a Covenant God)





COVENANT OF GRACE: NT

Week 5

REVIEW:

- ***What is a covenant?***
 - An Agreement or contract
 - A Relationship
 - More than a promise
 - An Oath-Bound Promise
 - *“A bond in blood sovereignly administered”*



REVIEW: ELEMENTS

- *What are the **elements** of a covenant?*
 1. Parties
 2. Condition
 3. Promise or Blessing
 4. Penalty or Curse



REVIEW: COVENANT OF GRACE

ETERNAL

- Covenant of *Redemption*
- The foundation of all redemption

IN TIME

- Covenant of *Grace*
- Unfolds throughout the Bible



REVIEW: COVENANT OF GRACE

1. Parties
2. Condition
3. Promise/Blessing
4. Penalty/Curse

1. God and Christ
2. Faith in Christ
3. God is our God
Forgiveness of sins
4. God always fulfills!



REVIEW: EFFECT OF GRACE

Adam

Trespass
Death
Sin



Christ

Obedience
Life
Righteousness



UNCONDITIONAL OR CONDITIONAL?

YES!



ASYMMETRICAL SYNERGISM





UNITY OF THE COVENANT



THEMATIC UNITY

- We see the unity in **Ephesians 2:12**:
- “remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the *covenants of promise*, having no hope and without God in the world.”



THEMATIC UNITY

- And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, *to be God to you and to your offspring after you*. And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God. (Genesis 17.7-8)



THEMATIC UNITY

- Say therefore to the people of Israel, 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. *I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God*, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. (Exodus 6:6-7)



THEMATIC UNITY

- *I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son.* When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men (2 Samuel 7:14)
- But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. *And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.* (Jeremiah 31:33)



THEMATIC UNITY

- And Jehoiada made a covenant between himself and all the people and the king that *they should be the LORD's people* (2 Chronicles 23:16)
- And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. *He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.* (Rev. 21:3)



ORGANIC UNITY

- The Unity of the Covenant of Grace is more than just the fact that the whole Bible speaks about the same subject



ORGANIC UNITY

- Unity is the *development* or *progressive revelation* of that single Covenant of Grace-- throughout the Bible and the history of redemption.



ORGANIC UNITY

Adam: God first reveals the promise of His grace in Genesis 3:15



ORGANIC UNITY

- **Noah**: shows a framework in which creation will be preserved until the fulfillment of the covenant
- **Abraham**: shows the community through which the Redeemer will come



ORGANIC UNITY

- **Moses**: shows the regulations and legislation necessary when for a redeemed nation
- **David**: shows God's rule in His covenant in its full manifestation



ORGANIC UNITY

- The Bible is not a series of unrelated events only tied together by the presence of God
- There is *one single way* in which God deals with His people, redeems sinners, and manifests his glory
- That way is simply shown in greater clarity as it *progresses*-- like the bud becomes the flower



- In the fact of the immediate promise to Adam and Eve
- The fact that the gospel was preached in the Old Testament
- The Mediator (Christ) is the same in both the OT & NT

WHERE DO WE SEE THE UNITY?

Genesis 3:15

Galatians 3:8;

1 Peter 1:10

Hebrews 4:2;

11:39-40

Hebrews 13:8



WHERE DO WE SEE THE UNITY?

- OT saints had all the spiritual benefits
- God was their Father and God
 - Exodus 20:2; Isaiah 41:10; 64:8; Jer. 3:4
- forgiveness of sins (Psalm 32:5; 65:3)
- communion with God (Psalm 139:18; 73:28)



PROGRESSION



- Adam – Commencement
- Noah – Preservation
- Abraham – Promise
- Moses – Law
- David – Kingdom
- Christ - Consummation

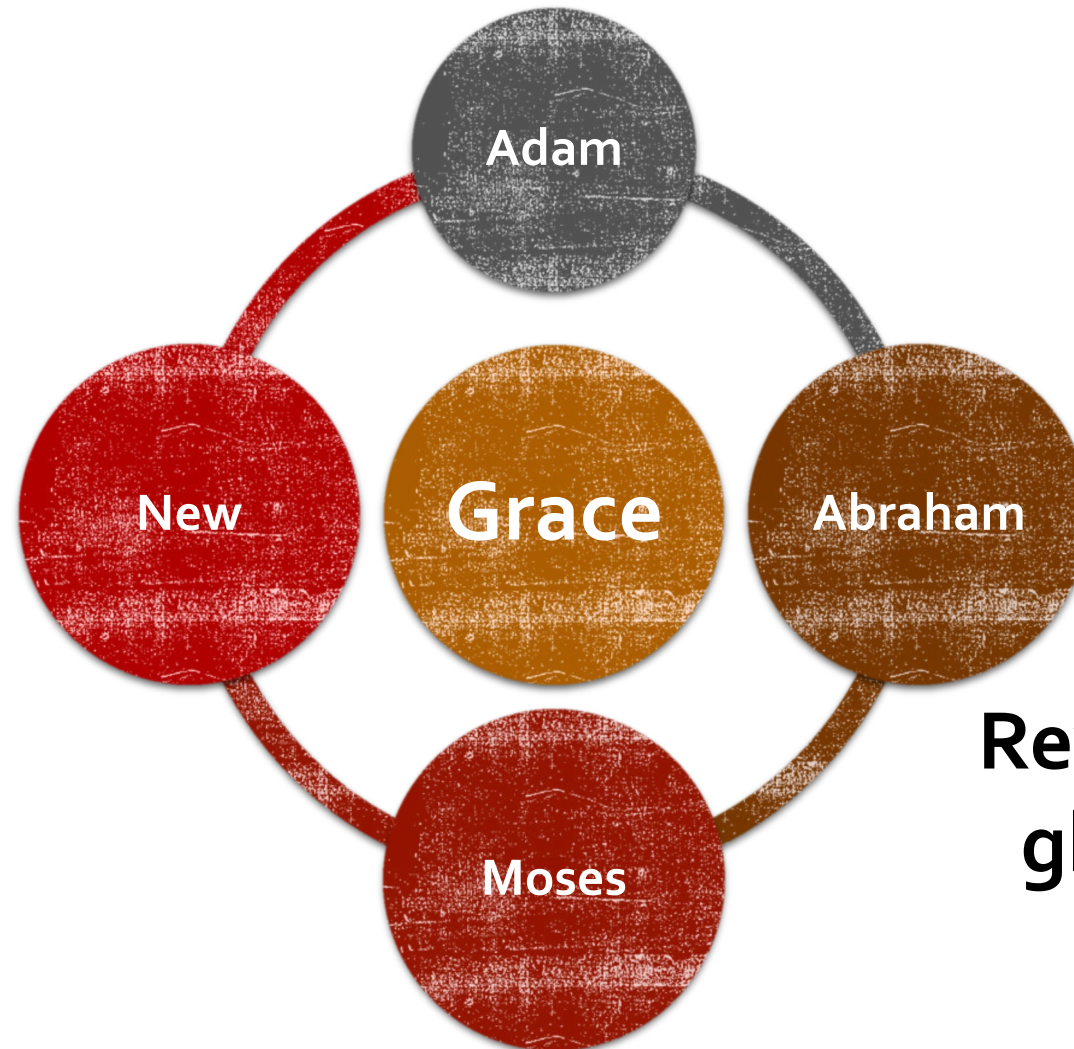
ONE WAY

See the
movement
toward greater
and greater
revelation



A CENTRAL THEME

God has one
purpose in
history



Revealing His
glory in His
grace



MOSAIC COVENANT → ABRAHAM

- In the Mosaic Covenant, the foundation is the covenant with Abraham
- the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. **And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant** with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. God saw the people of Israel--and God knew. (Exodus 2:23-25)



MOSAIC COVENANT → NEW

- How do we relate to it today?
- And God spoke all these words, saying, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.” (Exodus 20:1-2)





NEW COVENANT IN CHRIST

MATTHEW 26:26-29

“Drink of it, all of you,
**for this is my blood of
the covenant,** which is
poured out for many for
the forgiveness of sins.”

**Where does that come
from?**

And Moses took the
blood and threw it on
the people and said,
“Behold the blood of
the covenant that the
LORD has made with
you” (Exodus 24:8)



SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CROSS

- Christ's death is a covenant sacrifice
- He is inaugurating a new relationship



FULFILLING COVENANT W/ ABRAHAM

- to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant (Luke 1:72)
- You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' (Acts 3:25)



CHRIST THE PASSOVER LAMB

- Luke 22:19 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is **given for you**. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is **poured out for you** is the new covenant in my blood.



FORGIVENESS OF SINS

- Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he **bore the sin of many**, and makes intercession for the transgressors. (Isaiah 53:12)



WHERE DOES THIS COME FROM?

- Ever wondered why Christ had to *die*?
- The New Testament says that "*Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins*" (Heb. 9:22)
- WHY?



HEBREWS 9:15-18

- Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. ¹⁶ For where a ~~will~~ **covenant** is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. ¹⁷ For a ~~will~~ **covenant** takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. ¹⁸ Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood.



ELEMENTS OF COVENANT

- Remember our friends, the elements?
 - There was the condition
 - What happened if the condition was not met?
- There would be punishment or curse!
- THAT IS WHY CHRIST DIED FOR US!!
 - He took our curse



GOD KEEPING HIS WORD

- Look at Genesis 15:7-19
 - What is going on here?
 - Who is passing through the pieces?
- An example: Jeremiah 34:18-20

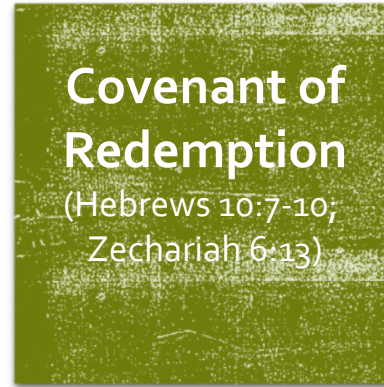
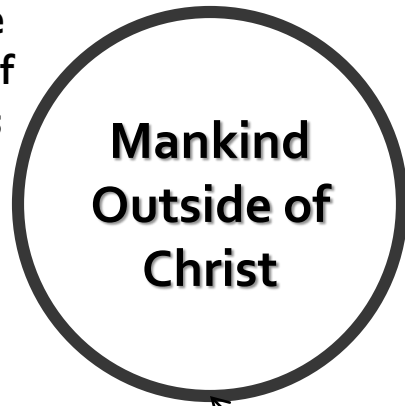


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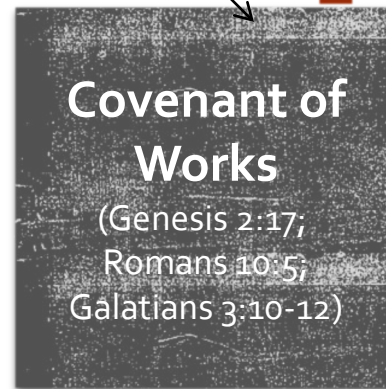
- All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
(Isaiah 53:6)
- just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.
(John 10:15)
- Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her (Eph. 5:25)



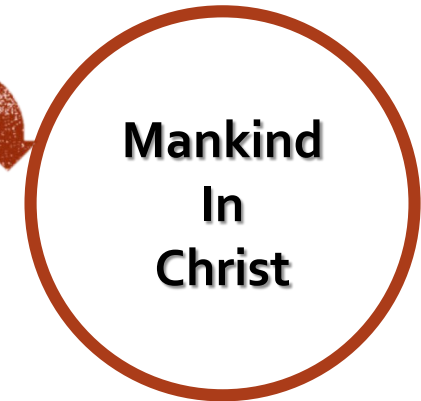
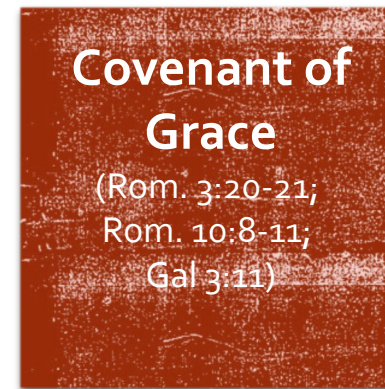
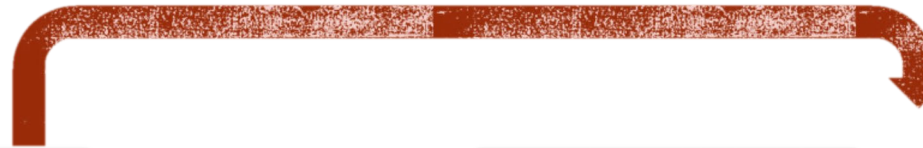
All mankind outside of Christ continues to be under the Covenant of Works. God demands perfect obedience from man in order to earn eternal life.



The Covenant of Redemption is made in eternity between the Father and the Son.



The essence of the covenant of works is "do this and you shall live."



In the Covenant of Grace, the Father agrees to accept the works of the Son as fulfilling the Covenant of Works for the elect.



Protoevangel
(Genesis 3:15)

Abrahamic
(Gen. 17:1-21)

**Covenant
of Grace**

Mosaic
(Exodus 19-24)

New
(Mt. 26; Heb. 8)



APPLICATION: COMFORT

You who are in covenant with God:

- all your sins are pardoned
- all your temporal mercies are fruits of the covenant
- you may plead the covenant with God
- if in covenant once, then forever in covenant
- if in covenant with God, you are going to your God



APPLICATION: DIRECTION

God's covenant shows you how to walk:

- You must love this God
- Walk holy!
- Walk thankfully!



NEXT WEEK:

- The Bridge: OT Prophecies
- **Homework:**
 - 2 Samuel 7
 - Jeremiah 31
 - Ezekiel 37

