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7.2 God's Covenant	
Since humanity brought itself under the curse of the law by its fall, it pleased the Lord to make a	
covenant of grace. <sup>2</sup>	
In this covenant he freely offers to sinners life	
and salvation through Jesus Christ. On their part he requires faith in him, that they may be saved, <sup>3</sup>	
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and promises to give his Holy Spirit to all who are ordained to eternal life, to make them willing and able to believe. <sup>4</sup>	
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<sup>2</sup> Genesis 2:17; Galatians 3:10; Romans 3:20, 21. <sup>3</sup> Romans 8:3; Mark 16:15, 16; John 3:16. <sup>4</sup> Ezekiel 36:26, 27; John 6:44, 45; Psalms 110:3.	
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7.3 God's Covenant	
This covenant is revealed in the gospel. It was	
revealed first of all to Adam in the promise of salvation through the seed of the woman. <sup>5</sup>	
After that, it was revealed step by step until the	
full revelation of it was completed in the New Testament. <sup>6</sup>	
This covenant is based on the eternal covenant	
transaction between the Father and the Son	
concerning the redemption of the elect. <sup>7</sup>	
Only through the grace of this covenant have	
those saved from among the descendants of	
fallen Adam obtained life and blessed	
immortality. Humanity is now utterly incapable of being accepted by God on the same terms on	
which Adam was accepted in his state of	
innocence.8	
<sup>5</sup> Genesis 3:15.	
<sup>6</sup> Hebrews 1:1.	
<sup>7</sup> 2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 1:2; <sup>8</sup> Hebrews 11:6, 13: Romans 4:1, 2: Acts 4:12: John 8:56	
<sup>8</sup> Hebrews 11:6, 13; Romans 4:1, 2.; Acts 4:12; John 8:56.	

## **Scripture Proofs**

<sup>2</sup>Genesis 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

**Galatians 3:10** For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them."

Romans 3:20-21 For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—

<sup>3</sup>Romans 8:3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh...

Mark 16:15-16 And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

<sup>4</sup>Ezekiel 36:26-27 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

**John 6:44-45** No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—

**Psalm 110:3** Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.

<sup>5</sup>Genesis 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.

6Hebrews 1:1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets...

<sup>7</sup>2Timothy 1:9 Who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began

Titus 1:2 ...in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began...

8Hebrews 11:6,13 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

**Romans 4:1-2** What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

John 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.