

# Creation, Fall, Redemption and Christmas

*Pastor John Brackbill/Genesis 1:26-28; Hebrews 2:5-9/12.20.15  
10:45 am Morning Worship Service*

**Creation:** God's purpose for His creation was that His \_\_\_\_\_ mediate \_\_\_\_\_ in the earth resulting in true flourishing and the reflection of His character thereby glorifying Him (Genesis 1:26-28)

**Fall:** God's purpose for His rule over creation was marred by humanity's \_\_\_\_\_ against His rule resulting in all of creation being \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ between God and His image bearers (Genesis 3)

## **Redemption:**

- ★ God's plan of redemption through the seed of the woman is about bringing all of creation back to \_\_\_\_\_ of His rule being mediated in the earth through His image bearers resulting in true flourishing and the reflection of His character thereby glorifying Him (Genesis 3:15)
  
- ★ God's plan of redemption is worked out through gracious covenants with His image bearers
  - ❖ The Noetic Covenant: An unconditional covenant with all of humanity that ensured a \_\_\_\_\_ for God's plan of redemption to progress without the same cataclysmic universal judgment reoccurring (Genesis 9:1-17)
  
  - ❖ The Abrahamic Covenant: An unconditional covenant with Abraham that ensured many descendants of Abraham (seed/nation of Israel), a specific land for them (the Promised Land) and \_\_\_\_\_ (through the seed of the woman, the Messiah) (Genesis 12, 15, 17, 22)
  
  - ❖ The Mosaic Covenant: A \_\_\_\_\_ covenant with Israel that ensured blessing in the land as a flourishing nation that was to be a light to the nations if they lived under the rule of God as explained in the law. (Exodus 19-20)
  
  - ❖ The Davidic Covenant: An unconditional covenant with David ensuring that one of his future descendants would reign on His throne forever perfectly mediating the \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Samuel 7)
  
  - ❖ The New Covenant: An unconditional covenant with future Israel (graciously extended to believing Gentiles partially now and fully in the future) ensuring that one day all of Israel will be saved and given the ability to live under God's rule through the

reigning Davidic King with a new heart indwelt by the Holy Spirit in the Promised Land (Jeremiah 31; Ezekiel 36; 2 Cor. 3; Hebrews 8-10)

- The New Covenant is provided for through the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus the Christ (Luke 22:20)
- The New Covenant promises
  - Spiritual promises:
    - All those in the New Covenant will have new hearts with God's law written on them
    - All those in the New Covenant will have a personal knowledge of God
    - All those in the New Covenant will have their sins forgiven
    - All those in the New Covenant will have the indwelling Spirit
  - Physical promises:
    - All of Israel saved and restored to the Promised Land
    - Ruled over by the Davidic Messiah in Jerusalem for 1000 years
    - Emptying out into the new heavens and new earth in which all of God's people Jew and Gentile alike will rule and reign with Christ forever perfectly mediating God's rule on His earth according to His original purpose in creation.
  - The New Covenant is in effect during the Messianic Age (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17)
    - The already aspect of the Messianic Age: The Church (Acts 2:33)
    - The not yet aspect of the Messianic Age: The Millennial Kingdom into the new heavens and new earth (Acts 1:6-7; Revelation 20-21)
- ★ God's plan of redemption is provided for through the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus His eternal Son (see Genesis 1:26-28; Psalm 8; Hebrews 2)
  - ❖ God's plan was for His image bearers to reflect His glory in His creation
    - ✓ The first Adam and we in him failed at our God given purpose
    - ✓ So God sent His eternal Son as the second Adam named Jesus

- ✓ As the second Adam (the God-man), He lived perfectly as one of God's human image-bearers reflecting the character of God and thereby glorifying God alone
- ✓ As the second Adam (the God-man), He was the perfect substitute in life and death on the cross for all of humanity such that all who trust in Him are brought into saving union with Him experiencing the promised blessing in fulfillment to the Abrahamic Covenant in the New Covenant partially now in the church and fully in the future Millennial Kingdom and then eternally in the new heavens and new earth.
- ✓ As the resurrected and ascended second Adam (the God-man) He is reigning now as the Davidic Messiah at the Father's right hand until the LORD makes His enemies the footstool of His feet
- ✓ Which will be fully carried out when He reigns here on this earth in Jerusalem during the Millennial Kingdom at the end of which He will hand over the kingdom to the Father and God will be all in all in the new heavens and new earth (see 1 Corinthians 15:28)

And when the second Adam (the God-man) hands the kingdom over to the Father, God's original purpose of humanity mediating His rule in His creation will have been fulfilled in Jesus the Second-Adam and all those in Jesus will reign with Him forever as the new humanity (2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 1:6, 5:10; 20:4; 22:5)