

Heritage OPC: Sunday School

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q 30. *Doth God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?*

A. God doth not leave all men to perish in the estate of sin and misery,^a into which they fell by the breach of the first covenant, commonly called the covenant of works;^b but of his mere love and mercy delivereth his elect of out of it, and bringeth them into an estate of salvation by the second covenant, commonly called the covenant of grace.^c

- a. 1 Thess 5:9
- b. Gen 3:17; Rom 5:12, 15; Gal 3:10, 12
- c. Tit 3:4-7; Gal 3:21; Rom 3:20-22; 2 Thess 2:13-14; See Acts 13:48; Eph 1:4-5

God's Goodness

1. Purpose of God's actions
 - a. Manifest His goodness
 - b. Share in His goodness
2. Supreme metaphysical good – 1 Jn 1:5
3. Unchanging and unmixed – Jam 1:17

God's Love

1. 1 Jn 4:7-12
2. Natural Love of God
3. Volitional Love of God
 - a. God's love of benevolence – Rom 5:8
 - b. God's love of delight – Eph 2:10

God's Mercy

1. Tit 3:4-7
2. Mercy is a gift

Q 31. *With whom was the covenant of grace made?*

A. The covenant of grace was made with Christ as the second Adam, and in him with all the elect as his seed.^a

- a. Gal 3:16; Rom 5:15 (See Vv. 16-21); Isa 53:10-11; Isa 59:20-21

The Second Adam

1. Rom 5:15
2. Gal 3:16
 - a. Collective singular vs singular
 - b. One "offspring" – Christ

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Elect

1. "All" are saved
 - a. Promises of God – Isa 43:1-3a
 - b. Your salvation is secure – Jn 10:25-30
2. Christ's seed – Gal 3:27-29