

The Covenant of Redemption

Intro

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What is A Covenant?

- Basic definition:
 - An agreement or commitment between parties with sanctions and stipulations.

Defining the Covenant of Redemption

- Sometimes referred to by its Latin title, *pactum salutis*,
- “the covenant established in eternity between the Father, who gives the Son to be the Redeemer of the elect and requires of him the conditions for their redemption; and the Son, who voluntarily agrees to fulfill these conditions; and the Spirit, who voluntarily applies the work of the Son to the elect.” - Brown & Keele, *Sacred Bond*
- “covenant entered into by the persons of the Trinity in the councils of eternity, with the Son mediating its benefits to the elect. This covenant is the basis for all of God’s purposes in nature and history, and it is the foundation and efficacy of the covenant of grace.” – Michael Horton, *The Christian Faith*

What Makes this Covenant Unique

2 Aspects from Sacred Bond:

- 1) it was made between the persons of the Trinity, and not, as in most biblical covenants, between God and humans.
- 2) the covenant of redemption is unique because it was established before time.

The COR in the 2LBCF

- Ch 7. 3
 - This covenant (Cov. of Grace) is revealed in the gospel; first of all to Adam in the promise of salvation by the seed of the woman, and afterwards by farther steps, until the full discovery thereof was completed in the New Testament; **and it is founded in that eternal covenant transaction that was between the Father and the Son about the redemption of the elect;**

Why is this important for Us?

- We are sinners and we can not save our selves, God makes a plan to save
- the COR helps us understand the overall plan of God and why we see God doing what he does to earn our redemption.
- The covenant of grace is the covenant of redemption accomplished in time and space.
- We learn about our how each person of the trinity has helped accomplished our redemption.

What Motivated this Covenant

- The Glory of God

- This is the way God would get the most glory for himself
- In God's sovereignty, he plans a great plan to redeem which bring him the most Glory.
- 1 Timothy 1:9
 - 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

- The Love of God

- The Father sent his Son to redeem sinners because of his great Love
- John 3:16-17
 - ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, ^[1] that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.
- 1 John 4:10
 - ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

What are the conditions

- God commissioned the son to earn the redemption of the Elect
- Christ voluntarily agrees to be the surety and earn the righteousness and pay for the punishment we deserve.
- The Spirit applies the benefits to us which Christ earned
- Upon obedience the Father would reward the Son with an inheritance.

Biblical Support for the Covenant of Redemption

- Luke 22: 28-30 (review)
 - ²⁸ “You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, ²⁹ and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom,
- Review:
 - Psalm 40: 6– 8
 - Hebrews 10:5-10 (Hebrews author says Psalm 40 is Christ)
 - Isaiah 53:10-12 (Christ is exalted for accomplishing the Father’s Work)
 - Isaiah 42:1-7 (Dialogue between the Father & Son)

Commitments of the Father (review)

- **The father choose and elected those to whom the Son would Redeem.**
- **The Father has Sent the Son into the World to Accomplish an Assignment**
 - For the Son To Redeem Sinners & obtain Eternal Life
 - To Be a prophet, Priest, and King
- **To Support the Son in his Work**
- **The Father Promised a reward to the Son for the accomplishment of his work**

Charles Hodge quote

- “The Elements of the covenant that describe the relationship between the Father and Son is confirmed when one considers the life of Christ, for all the elements of a biblical covenant appear in the gospel accounts of Christ and His relationship to the Father.”

Commitments of the Son (preview)

- **The Son voluntary accepts the Father's conditions of the Covenant.**
 - **To Become Truly Human**
 - **To be our covenant Surety**
 - To obey the law As our Representative
 - To Redeem his Elect As A Penal Substitute
 - **To Be our Mediator: Prophet, Priest & King**
- **The Son Perfectly Fulfilled the Conditions of the Covenant**

The Son voluntary accepts the Father's conditions

- Philippians 2:3-9

- ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- John 4

- ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work."

- Jesus accepted all the conditions the Father assigned him and he accepted them willingly.

- John 10:17-18

- ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

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• To Become Truly Human

- Galatians 4:4

- ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

- Hebrews 2:14-16

- ¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

- Philippians 7:7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form...

- Hebrews 10:5

- ⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, **but a body** have you prepared for me;

The Son Will be the Surety / Guarantor

- Hebrews 7:21-22
 - ²¹ but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: “The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, ‘You are a priest forever.’” ²² This makes Jesus the **guarantor** of a better covenant.
 - KJV TRANSLATES “Surety.”
- “A Surety is one who legally constituted the representative of others, and thereby comes under an engagement to fulfill certain obligations in their name and for their benefit.” –Pink

The Son will be our covenant Surety

- **As a federal Head / Representative**
 - Romans 5:12-21 (Read)
 - 1 Corinthians 15:22: For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
- To Obey the Law in our Place perfectly
 - Philippians 2:8
 - ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
 - Matthew 5:17-18
 - ¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.
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- **To Redeem us as our Penal (legal punishment) Substitute**

- Isaiah 53:2-10 (Read)

- Christ took on the sufferings sinners deserved

- Romans 3: 23-24

- ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

- Ephesians 1:7-11 (Read)

- Galatians 3:13

- ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree” —

The Son will be our covenant Surety

- **For his Elect** (a Particular redemption)
 - John 10:11, 25-29
 - ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
 - ²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand

To Be our Mediator (Prophet, Priest, & King)

- Revelation 1:5
 - ⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.
- **To Be A Prophet**
 - John 17:8
 - ⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.
 - Matthew 13:57
 - ⁵⁷ And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household.”
- **To Be a Priest**
 - Psalm 110:4 (A Priest forever...)
 - Hebrews 9:11-14 (Christ Makes Atonement for Sins)
 - ¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.
- **To be a King**
 - Psalm 2:8-12 (read)
 - Revelation 19:11-14 (The King rules & Judges)

The Son Perfectly Fulfilled the Conditions of the Covenant

- Seen in the Resurrection and exaltation as a reward
- Acts 2:29-35
 - ²⁹ “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.””
 - Acts 13:29-37 (read)
- Hebrews 10:12-14
 - ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.
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- Isaiah 53

- Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see^[i] and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

- ¹² 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.

- John 17:1-5(Read)

- Jesus has completed his task.

- Luke 22 :29

- ²⁹ and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom,

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