

The Covenant of Redemption

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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: 28-29 (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**

Commitments of the Son (Review)

- **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 Holy Spirit and the Covenant of Redemption

- The Holy Spirit is not as prominent in the covenant of redemption as the Father and the Son, but as we look we do see the HS involved.
- The reason we don't see him as much is because his work is to make much of the Son, not himself.
- John 15:26
 - ²⁶ “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.

Commitments of the Holy Spirit (Preview)

- **To Help the Son Accomplish His Task**
 - To Become Incarnate
 - To Lead, Sustain and Help overcome temptation
 - To Anoint the Son for his Work
 - To Enable Him to Perform Miracles
 - To Endure the Cross
 - To Raise Jesus from the Dead
- **To Apply the Benefits of Christ's Work to the Elect**
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To Help the Son Accomplish His Task

- Isaiah 42:1-4 (The father speaking)

- Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; *I have put my Spirit upon him*; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

- Isaiah 61: 1-2 (The Son Speaking)

- The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

To Help the Son Accomplish His Task

- **To Be Incarnate**

- Luke 1: 34-35

- ³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” ³⁵ And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

- Matthew 1:20

- But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

To Help the Son Accomplish His Task

- **To Lead, Sustain and Help overcome temptation**

- Luke 4:1-2

- And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry.

- Luke 4:14 (he was led)

- ¹⁴ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country.

To Help the Son Accomplish His Task

- **To Anoint the Son for his Work**

- Acts 10:38

- ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

- Luke 4:17-18

- ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

To Help the Son Accomplish His Task

- **The Enable Him to Perform Miracles**

- Matthew 12:28

- ²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons.” ²⁵ Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. ²⁶ And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷ And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁸ But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

To Help The Son Accomplish His Task

- **To Endure the Cross**

- Hebrews 9:13-14

- 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 Raise Jesus from the Dead**

- Acts 1:3

- ³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ **and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead**, Jesus Christ our Lord,

- Romans 8:11

- ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

To Apply the Benefits of Christ's Work to the Elect

- **To Dwell in the Elect**

- 1 Cor 6:19

- ¹⁹ Or do you not know that **your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you**, whom you have from God? You are not your own,

- John 14:16-17

- ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

To Apply the Benefits of Christ's Work to the Elect

- **To Seal the Elect and be our Guarantee**

- Ephesians 1:13-14

- ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

- **To Regenerate and Renew the Elect**

- Titus 3:5

- ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, **by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,**

- 2 Corinthians 3:6

- ⁶ who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, **but the Spirit gives life.**

To Apply the Benefits of Christ's Work to the Elect

- **To Sanctify the Elect**

- 1 Peter 1:2

- ² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

- 2 Thess 2:13

- ¹³ But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

- **To Guide, Lead, and Help the Elect**

- Ephesians 3:16-17

- ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

- John 16:7

- Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the **Helper** will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

- Romans 8:14

- ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

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Application to Us

- This give Us Comfort & Assurance
 - The Trinity Accomplished it and so we are secure in the Work of Christ.
 - Our inheritance is secure, and we have a down payment of it.
 - It is not breakable
- This gives Us Purpose and helps Us Know the Love of God
- It Helps us better understand our Scripture
 - It gives us the big picture and brings unity
- It helps us rely on Christ works and not our own.

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