

## Fellowship Baptist Church of Coney Island

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### Sermon Outline for Sunday, August 6, 2017

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#### “The Gospel Covenant.” Part 1

**I Text: Old Covenant:** (*Exodus 19:25; 20:1-17*)

**New Covenant:** (*Colossians 1:1-13*)

**II Doctrine:** The unifying principle in understanding the Bible is found in our savior Jesus Christ. All of scripture was given by the Messiah, and all scripture points to the glory of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. God has always interacted with His people through a series of covenants. Christians must never forget the Covenant of Grace we have entered into with the Lord Jesus Christ. The Epistle to the Colossians stresses the Glory of our great King Jesus Christ. His name is to be honored above all names. He is the living Covenant which gives Mankind eternal life. Paul as the herald of the great King, delivers the Gospel in covenant form in this epistle. The formal covenant treaty arrangements of the Biblical covenants bear a striking resemblance to the structure of peace treaties of the city-states and Empires of the Ancient Near East (see Meredith G. Kline, *Treaty of the Great King: The Covenant Structure of Deuteronomy* (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Pub. Co., 1963). In the formation of a Covenant both the dominant King and his vassal swear an oath in Treaty form, thereby creating a covenant binding the two parties. The standard covenant had five parts (Kline).

1. **Preamble:** Identifying the Lordship of the Great King and stressing his greatness, dominance and eminence
2. **Historical Prologue:** Recounting the Great King's previous relationship to his vassal (with special emphasis on the benefits or blessing of that relationship).
3. **Ethical Stipulations:** Enumerating the vassal's obligations to the Great King (his guide to maintaining the relationship)
4. **Sanctions:** A list of the blessings for obedience and the curses that will fall on the vassal if he breaks the covenant.
5. **Succession Arrangements:** Arrangements and provisions for the continuity of the covenant relationship over future generations.

#### **III Sermon Points:**

- 1) Paul states the name of the Sovereign King he serves, and introduces himself as his messenger. (*Colossians 1:1-3; Exodus 19:25*)
- 2) The Colossians are a source of joy for the Saints because of their dedication to the only true God. (*Colossians 1:4-8; Exodus 20:1-3*)
- 3) The prayer for the Church at Colosse is that they continue to mature and grow in the Covenant of grace. (*Colossians 1:9-14; Exodus 20:4-7*)

