

The Westminster Confession

Chapter 7

Of God's Covenant with Man

1. The distance between God and the creature is so great, that although reasonable creatures do owe obedience unto Him as their Creator, yet they could never have any fruition of Him as their blessedness and reward, but by some voluntary condescension on God's part, which He hath been pleased to express by way of covenant.

2. The first covenant made with man was a covenant of works, wherein life was promised to Adam; and in him to his posterity, upon condition of perfect and personal obedience.

3. Man, by his fall, having made himself incapable of life by that covenant, the Lord was pleased to make a second, commonly called the covenant of grace; wherein He freely offereth unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ; requiring of them faith in Him, that they may be saved, and promising to give unto all those that are ordained unto eternal life His Holy Spirit, to make them willing and able to believe.

SERMON WORKSHEET
Sunday 23rd January, 2010 - PM service
“What and How the Covenant is”

READINGS: 1)..... 2).....

TEXT:

INTRODUCTION

The word ‘covenant’ as it’s used mainly in the Bible is about how: *Tick the right box*

a) God needs us to keep our side of the deal [] b) it’s only God’s deal []

Genesis shows this with the symbolic picture of the smoking fire pot going alone

The glory of God is the A..... of the covenant

1 - THE COVENANT IS THE EXPRESSION OF WHAT GOD DOES WITH US Article 1

Ancient near eastern suzerainty treaties show the T..... of covenant this is

Those treaties could be made when a smaller power:

a) was about to be conquered [] B) stopped paying tribute tax []

One example of such a contract broken is King Zedekiah in 2nd Chronicles :

This was the type of covenant made with Noah, Abraham, M....., and David

The doing and D..... of Christ showed the extent of God’s commitment

Isaiah verses & show how unscriptural a servant abusing his master is

Luke 17:10 tells that we do only what’s expected of us - that’s our D.....

2 - THE COVENANT IS WHAT WAS BROKEN IN PARADISE BY US Article 2

The phrase ‘covenant of works’ means this is:

a) what we do to earn God’s blessings [] b) a covenant showing itself through works []

Was God obligated to give Adam eternal life if he obeyed? YES / NO ? *Cross out wrong one*

These Judaizers come under that covenant’s same curse as Galatians : & say

Adam & Eve before the Fall were H..... in their communion with God

The smell of D..... is what we live with unless the fragrance of life wafts to us

3 - THE COVENANT IS HOW GOD IN CHRIST GRACIOUSLY RESTORES US Article 3

This ‘covenant of grace’ was arranged between the P..... of the triune Godhead

Match these statements below with the right text across the page:

a) God the Son agreed to make His life a ransom a) John 3:16

b) God agreed to give His Son b) John 16:14

c) God the Holy Spirit agrees to apply this redemption c) John 10:17f

A common error in many churches today is believing we bring to God:

a) the faith needed for Him to work [] b) the talent needed to do work []

The scriptural support for the right answer is in Ephesians verse

Those who have the wrong view say that the guest not wearing the right gown showed:

a) he didn’t want to really join in [] b) the host hadn’t given him the gown []

This covenant completely depends on God alone: TRUE / FALSE ?

Paul in Acts : & shows that God is in supreme control

If we honestly acknowledge this covenant was all done for us we L..... the One who did it