

Covenant of Works (CT03)

Objectives

1. Understand the substance of God's "creational relationship" with man
2. Understand the gracious character of the Covenant of Works
3. Understand the "curse" of the Covenant of Works, and its application today

Name of the Covenant

Same covenant - different names...

- a. covenant of works
- b. covenant of creation
- c. covenant of nature
- d. covenant of life

Relationship Between Man & God

1. **Man: the crown of God's creative order (Gen 1:26-27)**
2. **Created to be in a "special relationship" with God**
3. **Created *in* a state of God's _____ from the very beginning. How?**
 - a. life itself (2:7)
 - b. (1:29-30)
 - c. (2:9)
 - d. (implied in 3:9)
4. **God's method of "formalizing" that relationship - a _____**
5. **Relationship existed before the covenant was established**
6. **Responsible to obey "creation ordinances" that God established for them:**
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

Why Call It a Covenant?

1. All the elements of a covenant are present in Genesis 1 & 2
2. The stipulations of this covenant are later fulfilled by Christ in the “Covenant of Grace”
3. A covenant is implied in "the Adam / Christ parallel" (see Romans 5:12-21; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22)
4. Hosea 6:7 seems to imply that Adam transgressed an existing covenant.

Substance of the Covenant

1. Parties:

a. God

b. Adam

- i. What made Adam “suitable”?
- ii. Who does Adam represent (Romans 5:12-21; 1 Cor 15:22; 1 Cor 15:47-49)?
- iii. What does this mean to us?
- iv. How important is “covenantal headship”?

2. Condition: _____

- a. What specifically did Adam have to obey?
 - i. General:
 - ii. Special:
- b. What was the nature of the obedience
 - i. (James 2:10; Galatians 3:10)
 - ii. (Matthew 19:16-22)

3. Promise: _____

(Leviticus 18:5; Romans 2:6-7; 7:10; 10:5; Deut 30:15; Galatians 3:12)

4. **Threat or Curse:** death (Genesis 2:16-17)

a. What is meant by “death”? Physical? Spiritual?

5. **Covenant Sign:** _____ (Genesis 3:22; Rev 2:7; 22:14)

Results of Adam’s Covenant Breach

1. We are **GUILTY**

- a. under judgment, having been found guilty (Rom 5:18; 1:20)
- b. conscious of shame (Gen 3:7-10)
- c. exhibiting a terrified conscience (Gen 3:8)

2. We have a **CORRUPT heart**

- a. deprived of the image of God (1 Cor 15:49; Col 3:10; Eph 4:24)
- b. an inability NOT to sin (Rom 6:6, 20; John 8:34)

3. We experience **DEATH**

- a. loss of communion with God (Gen 3:8, 24; Eph 4:18)
- b. under God's wrath (Rom 1:18; Eph 2:3)
- c. death (Gen 5:5-31; Rom 5:12; 1 Cor 15:22; Rom 6:23a; Rev 21:8)

Characteristics of the Covenant of Works

- **It is** _____ **in its scope** (Adam as covenant head for all people)
- **It continues to be** _____ **for all the children of Adam**
- **All of mankind are** _____ **of fulfilling it, in and of themselves.**