

The Covenant of Grace

Oakwood Presbyterian Church

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Covenants Within the Covenant

- Adamic Covenant – “The Covenant of Commencement”
- Noahic Covenant – “The Covenant of Preservation”
- Abrahamic Covenant – “The Covenant of Promise”
- Mosaic Covenant – “The Covenant of Law”
- Davidic Covenant – “The Covenant of the Kingdom”
- **The New Covenant – “The Covenant of Consummation”**



Jesus Christ

Jer 31:31-34

Luk 22:20

David

II Sam 7

Moses

Ex 20

Abraham

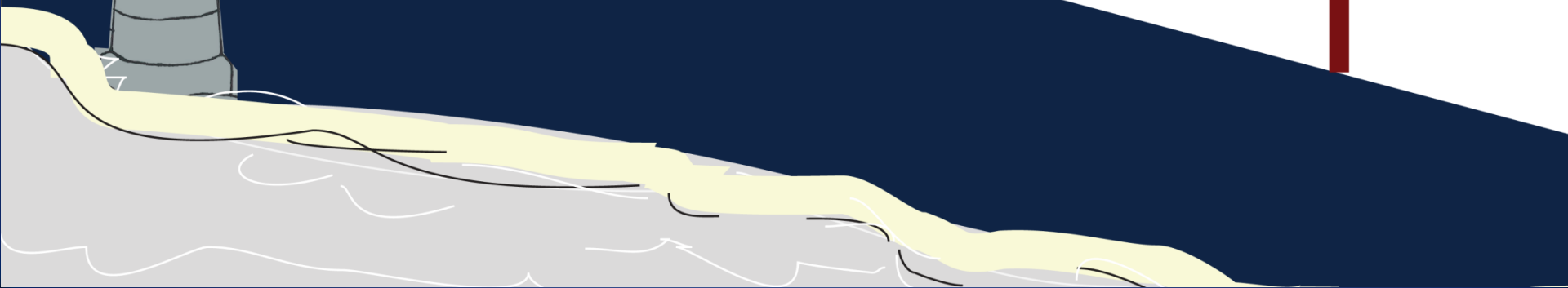
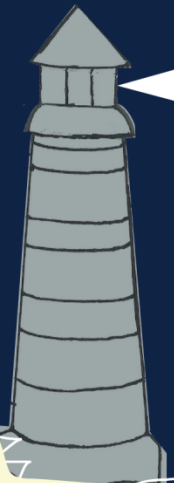
Gen 12

Noah

Gen 9

Adam

Gen 3:15



The Covenant of Works

“And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, ‘You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.’”

Genesis 2:16



***“A covenant is a bond in blood
sovereignly administered.***

When God enters into a
covenantal relationship with
men, he sovereignly institutes
a life-and-death bond. A
covenant is a bond in blood, or
a bond of life and death,
sovereignly administered.”

*O. Palmer Robertson,
The Christ of the Covenants*



Adamic Covenant: Commencement



- Enmity between Satan's Kingdom & God's Kingdom
- The Offspring of the Woman and the Offspring of the serpent

Noahic Covenant: Preservation



- Renewal of creation mandates
- Restraint of evil through the power of the sword
- Promise of preservation of creation until the Covenant promises are fulfilled

Abrahamic Covenant: Promise

- Great nation/kingdom
- Land of “rest” – peace and prosperity in God’s presence
- Blessing to all of the nations



Mosaic Covenant: Law



- Covenant stipulations – the Law of God
- Blessings and curses
- Tabernacle, Ark of the Covenant, priesthood, sacrifices

The Davidic Covenant: Kingdom



- Eternal King – Son of David and Son of God
- Eternal Kingdom over all nations

Covenant Blessings & Curses



“If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in His ways... then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess...

Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying His voice and holding fast to Him, for He is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The New Covenant: Consummation



- Restoration of the Kingdom
- Law of God written on the heart
- Direct access to God – intimate relationship
- Redemption accomplished – forgiveness

The New Covenant Inaugurated



“And [Jesus] took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.’ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, ‘This cup that is poured out for you is *the new covenant in my blood.*’”

Luke 22:19,20

The New Covenant People of God



“Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by what is called the circumcision... were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He himself is our peace, who has made us both one... So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone... In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.”

Ephesians 2:11-22

“Israel of God”: Heirs of the Abrahamic Covenant

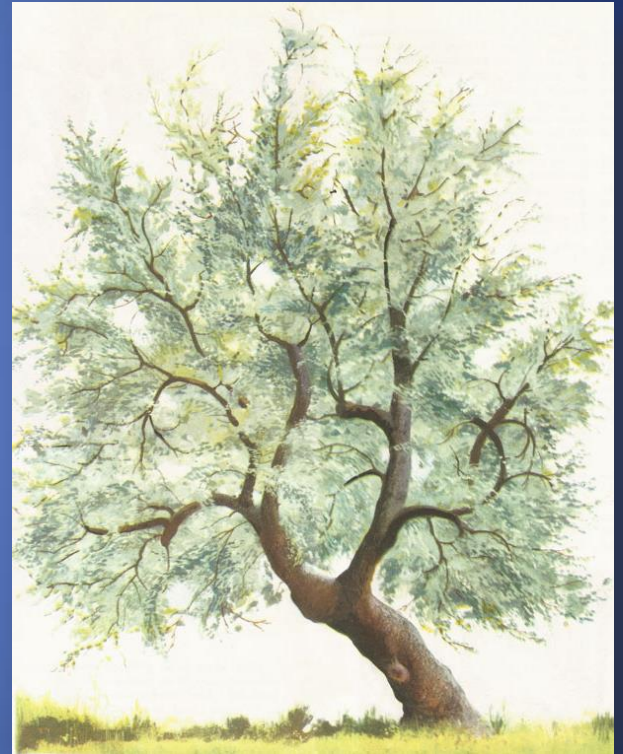


“ Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, ‘In you shall all the nations be blessed.’ So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith... in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.” Galatians 3:7,8; 26-29

The Covenant Community

“But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, do not be arrogant toward the branches... For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you... And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.”

Romans 11:17-24





Invisible Church

Visible Church

Signs and Seals of the Covenant



“Both the Old and New Testaments confirm this identity of the sacraments as ‘signs and seals’, which is clearly the language of covenant ratification... Even in some forms of Christianity, the impression is often given... that God can be placated by our sacrifices and manipulated to do our bidding with sufficiently pious and liturgical incantations. In Biblical faith, however, the point is to be summoned and addressed by and bound to the covenant Lord.”



Michael Horton,
Introducing Covenant Theology

Covenant Life

“...political campaigns do have this virtue at least: they remind us of how thoroughly our lives are determined by the promises we hope to realize... The great privilege that is ours as followers of Christ is that we are the recipients of better promises than the fleeting, materialistic, and temporal hopes that come from jobs, families, and diversions. As important as these are, they are not sufficient to fill our lives with enduring purpose or to summon us to the courage of our convictions when our faith is on the line. We need better promises than these, and some kind of guarantee that those promises are not mere empty gestures. This is precisely what we have in God’s covenant, ‘exceedingly great and precious promises’ and a sovereign, faithful God who keeps His promises in exhaustive detail.”

T.M. Moore, I Will Be Your God