

The Covenant of Redemption or the Covenant of Grace.

Part 1.

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This is an important subject but our human mind is limited to understanding all the implications as it goes beyond our comprehension. But the word of God has shed light on this subject so we can understand the basics of this mystery. The true Christian belief is that there are three persons in the Godhead, same in substance and equal in power and glory but distinct.

De 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD. The word one here in Hebrew is 'echad which is closely identified with yahad means to be united. The LORD our God is one LORD. It is singular but there is a compound oneness as we see in the following scripture.

Nu 13:23 And they came unto the brook of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and they brought of the pomegranates, and of the figs.

Here the word one is also the same Hebrew word 'echad'. One cluster but many grapes.

The Father and the Son are distinct persons but they are both God yet there is one God.

Mt 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

The above scripture, there are three persons, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, yet Jesus called all three of them in singular not in

Plural. For instance if I called the names of John, Peter and James is correct as there is plurality, but Jesus called all three persons in singular form.

There was a covenant between the Father and the Son formed in eternity but revealed in time.

Ps 89:1 I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations. 2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up forever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens. 3 I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant.

Ps 89:34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. 35 Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. 36 His seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before me. 37 It shall be established forever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven.

This covenant was revealed in our time as apostle Paul said:

1 Co 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory.

Now we realize that the elect were chosen before the world began.

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, 10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

The elect of God were just like the unbelievers as they were also under condemnation because of sin, they deserved the wrath of God, yet there was grace to them instead of judgment and this is called a covenant of grace, this grace was manifested by God to Abraham when he said his seed will be blessed. God made a promise to Abraham; this was because of God's mercy to his elect.

Lu 1:67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, 68 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, 69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; Lu 1:72 To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; 73 The oath, which he swore to our father Abraham,

We see in scripture that Christ came to this earth to execute the plan he received from the Father.

Ps 40:8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

The is a parallel between Adam and Christ. Adam was the head and the representative all humans so was Christ was the head and the representative of his people. God entered into a covenant with Adam and also God entered into a covenant with Christ.

Ro 5:18 therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. 20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: 21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

As we studied before in a covenant there are the contracting parties, the promise and the condition. All these elements are found here as Father sent the Son to the **world for a work to do and promised him a reward when** the work was accomplished. This had to do with the plan of salvation. We were all in the state of condemnation because of sin. We have all broken the law and punishment was waiting for us in breaking the law. We are all like sheep gone astray and were lost. The Father sent his son to redeem his people.

Mt 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Lu 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Joh 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

Ps 40:7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me. Heb 10:7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

Lu 2:49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? Will ye not that I must be about my Father's business? 50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

1 Pe 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you. 11 To him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

The most precious, sweetest word in the Bible is the word grace. The gospel is of grace; we are saved by grace and not of our works or merit where we can boast. An unworthy, wicked sinful **creatures like us have sinned against God in secret** and public in mind and in deeds, we deserve his wrath, yet the sweetness of his grace appeared through his Son Jesus, he drank the bitter cup of God's wrath so we can taste the sweetness of his grace. God is the originator of grace, the fountain of grace and the God of all grace. If there was no grace, there is no Savior, no salvation and no heaven for sinners.

The elect of God will hear the word of God and they will repent of their sins and you too can partake the sweetest word in the Bible.

Ac 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Ac 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

Re 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. <http://www.sounddoctrine.net/>