

We want to welcome all of you back to our Monday night Studies.

Throughout these courses and classes, we have been building our *theology* one upon another.

*What is the definition of "**Theology?**"

Theology is essentially the study of God.

Theology comes from combining two Greek words:

theos, meaning God, and *logos*, meaning the word of God.

*Theology is the study of the nature, character and will of God revealed by the Son of God testified in the word of God.

In essence we are all Theologians.

Every question that we have, ought to be that of a theological one, seeking to obtain the answer revealed in the word of God from God Himself.

We have been progressively studying God's plan of redemption, in what is known as "*Systematic Theology*."

*What is the definition of "**Systematic Theology?**"

Systematic theology is the study of Christian doctrine, testified in the unity of the Bible as a whole.

It is essentially the study of the Triune nature of God at work in the plan of redemption.

It expresses a systematic arrangement of Christian doctrine, and then presents it in a coherent formula according to our Christian faith.

If we are to rightly interpret the Bible, we must cross reference and align each subject matter to the context of other corresponding passages that deal with of the same topic, and theme.

To properly comprehend the unity of God's plan of redemption as a whole— we must build and form our foundation one layer at a time.

For in order to come to the right knowledge of the truth we must interpret the truth by aligning it to that of God's perspective of the truth.

For there is only way in which we can fully comprehend the truth— and that is by the Spirit of Truth that reveals Jesus as the Christ. For the unity of the Bible as a whole points directly to and testifies of Him.

For this reason, it is extremely important for those of you who have not had the opportunity
to go through **“Bible Basics”**
to make every effort to complete it.

For we must never travel faster along the pathway of truth—
than what we can properly comprehend, understand, nor apply into our daily lives.

We should only travel as far as God has predetermined to give us light unto our present path.

M. Lloyd Jones

**“For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line,
here a little, there a little” — Isaiah 28:10**

With that, for those of you who are perhaps just joining us tonight:

This is our fifth installment of
“The Fundamentals of our Faith.”

Our scripture reference by which we’ve established this course upon is found in:

“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ — 2 Peter 3:18

In our last four sessions together, we have studied

“The Doctrine of God.”

We have previously gone through and expounded upon or (explained in detail):

The Divine Names, Nature, and Attributes of God

The Doctrine of the Divine Trinity

God the Father

God the Son

God the Holy Spirit

The last time we were together we looked at “**The Covenant of Redemption.**”

We noted that throughout the scriptures God made many covenants with His chosen people.

God established covenants for the purpose of showing Himself faithful to His people by keeping the conditions and promises within the covenant.

If you recall, we defined the word *covenant*.

*The term covenant is defined as:

“an agreement, or a solemn oath that establishes a legal contract
and thus based upon that oath—

a relationship is formed that is bound by that agreement between two or more persons.”

We noted that throughout the entirety of the scriptures that there are only two types of Covenants.

Conditional Covenant: is a legal binding agreement made between two distinct persons, (God and man) thus it requires each person to take a verbal oath promising that each will perform the conditions that are set forth within the agreement.

Unconditional Covenant: “a legal binding agreement made by two or more persons in which only one party binds himself to the covenant by a verbal oath, sealing it with blood which is the seal and promise to perform it; thus requiring no condition nor requirement for the other party to fulfill nor satisfy the terms made within the agreement.

We than narrowed all the covenants down to that of two:

A **conditional covenant** is based upon the agreed conditions by which **man** must perform which is called: “**A Covenant of Works**”

An **Unconditional covenant** is based upon the agreed conditions in which **God** shall fulfill which is called: “**A Covenant of Grace.**”

Since a Covenant is a promise made binding by an oath.

The terms ***oath*** or ***decree*** can sometimes be ***interchangeable***.

It was at this point in our study last time that we turned to the—

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Q. 7. What are the Decrees of God?

A. The Decrees of God are His eternal purpose, according to the counsel of His will. Whereby for His glory and name's sake, He foreordained whatsoever came to pass.

God's decrees are His eternal plans and decisions in which He purposed in Himself according to the good pleasure of His Sovereign will—

each decree originated within the mind of Triune God from eternities past

and are carried out into eternities future. —Wilhelmus Brakel

Isaiah 46:9-11

I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring **the end from the beginning and from the ancient times things that are **not yet done**.**

Saying, "My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure...

Indeed I have spoken it; **I will also bring it to pass I have purposed it; **I will also do it**.**

Let us see here that the LORD not only spoke His promise but has a purpose behind His promise.

To which is why the inspired Apostle Paul would later write

"Having made known onto us **the mystery of His will.**

According to His good pleasure which He had purposed in Himself." —Ephesians 1:9

***Whenever the Holy Spirit uses the word **mystery**, it is in reference to:**

'those things which have now been revealed that were once previously hidden.'

Acts 4:27:28

"For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel,

were gathered together

to do whatever **Your hand and **Your purpose** determined before to be done.**

What is the definition of **“The Covenant of Redemption.”**

The *Covenant of Redemption* also known as *the Covenant of Grace* is that everlasting agreement by which God the Father and God the Holy Spirit entered into a binding unbreakable oath with God the Son.

The plan of redemption has forever and always been *established in the mind of God before time began, yes, even before the foundation of the world.*

The provision of grace which God made for the sake of calling out a people for His great name, embraced the appointing of His Son to become the **Representative, Advocate, Mediator** and **Surety** of His redeemed.

Christ came to be our **Representative** and substitute on the Cross—2 Corinthians 5:21

Christ is our **Advocate** standing in the presence of God making intercession for us —1 John 2:1

Christ is the **Mediator** of the New Covenant —1 Timothy 2:5

Christ stands as **the Surety** of a better Covenant, paying the debt for our sins —Hebrews 7:22

As children God **"adopted"** into His royal family.

We then looked at the term **co-heirs with Christ**.

We noted and defined in scripture how we shall share **in Christ glory**—John 17:22

And how we shall share **in His inheritance** which is the unsearchable riches of Christ.

We noted that it is through our Kingsman Redeemer, that we not only share in His likeness but in His everlasting inheritance and Throne.

We have been assured an inheritance from our Heavenly Father by way of marriage.

Romans 7:4

...you too died to the Law **through the crucified body of Christ**,

so that you may be married to another,

to Him Jesus who was raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit to God.

Part II of “The Covenant of Redemption.”

As we noted last time: God made many Covenants with His chosen people.

There are eight Covenants made evident in the Bible.

The **blue** represents **unconditional Covenants** the **red** represents **conditional Covenants**.

1. There is the **Edenic Covenant**: That which God made with Adam while in Eden.
2. The **Adamic Covenant**: That which God *promised* to Adam after the fall.
3. The **Noahic Covenant**: That which God *promised* to Noah after the flood.
4. The **Abrahamic Covenant**: That which God *promised* to Abraham before Isaac was born.
5. There is the **Mosaic Covenant**: That which God made with Moses on Mount Sinai.
6. The **Davidic Covenant**: That which God *promised* to David as he desired to build God a house.
7. There is **The New Covenant**: Through the sacrificial death and blood of the Son of God.
8. **The Covenant of Redemption**: Made within *the counsels* of the Trinity “The Covenant of Grace.”

God’s deals with man based upon His covenants.

As we stated earlier

it is clear that there can only be two covenants possible between God and man:

The Covenant of grace: a covenant established upon what God shall accomplish to save man.

The Covenant of works: a covenant established upon what is required for man to save himself.

Likewise, we could summarize all the promises found in the Old-Testament
and break them down to only two:

- God the Father *promising to send* **His Son Jesus Christ as Savior**.
- God the Father *promising to pour* **out the Holy Spirit in Christ name**.

As we study together let us be reassured of God's promise

Psalms 25:14

The secret of the LORD is with them that fear Him, and [He will show them His covenant.](#)

Let us begin our study with **"The Edenic Covenant."**

It is written that God created the heavens and the earth—Genesis 1:1

and it is also written that on the sixth day...

Genesis 1:26-27

that God said, **"Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..."**

So God created man in His image; in the image of God, He created him, male and female...

By the very act that God made man in His own likeness and image,
signifies and establishes that God from the very beginning
designed and desired to have a unique relationship with that of man.

First: we see [the identity](#) that God gave to Adam.

God created Adam in His own image according to His own likeness so that
man **might reflect some of the very same character traits as God Himself.**

Man was **the crown and glory** of all that God had created. —Isaiah 43:7

All things were made **through Him** and **for Him** —Colossians 1:16

God delegated to Adam a position and with that position—authority
and with that authority came great responsibility.

Second: we see [the position](#) that God delegated to Adam.

Adam was to have dominion, this illustrates that Adam was **to rule over the earth,**
which depicts and signifies that Adam was to **reign as a king** over this earthly kingdom.

Third: we see [the authority](#) that God delegated to Adam.

Adam and Eve were to be fruitful and to multiply and fill the earth and **subdue it.**
they were to **have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air,
and over every living thing that moves about on the earth. —Genesis 1:28

Fourth: we see some of [the responsibilities](#) that God gave to Adam.

God instruct Adam of his responsibility **to manage the garden** by **tending it** and **keeping it.**

For it is written that God then placed Adam in a garden east of Eden—Genesis 2:8

God also gave the incredible privilege of **naming all the animals.** —Genesis 2:20

Adam was the first man; thus, he represents the entirety of the human race.

When Adam stood before God as our Federal Head and our legal Representative.

There has only been **two** Federal Heads:

Adam and **Christ**: with each of whom God entered into a Covenant.

Genesis 2:16

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying,

“Of every tree of the garden you may eat freely, 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.

Some have suggested that the word ‘**covenant**’ is found nowhere in Genesis 2 yet we do not need to see the word covenant to know that this was clearly of covenant.

A Conditional Covenant is a legal binding agreement in which both parties (God and man) take a verbal oath promising that each will form the conditions that are set forth within the agreement.

First: we clearly see a verbal binding agreement between God and Adam:

“Of every tree of the garden you may eat freely.....”

Second: we plainly see certain conditions that God required that Adam must achieve:

‘but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat...’

Third: we undeniably see the consequences if this covenant were to be broken:

for in the day that you eat of it dying you shall die.

When God established this Covenant with Adam, God gave specific instructions to Adam.

Both God and Adam were bound to the conditions within this Covenant.

If “Adam” met the conditions and fulfilled all the requirements;

then God would at that time fulfill His promise to Adam.

God would grant to Adam the right to eat of the tree of life

and inherit all the blessings that would follow— which signified God’s faithfulness.

The Tree of Life was the Divine seal of this Covenant.

As we can plainly see this covenant was a *conditional covenant*.

Next, we see that God delegated to Adam the privilege and responsibility of having dominion over the entire physical realm.

Genesis 1:28

“Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it, have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the bords of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.

By forming Adam from the dust of the earth, the LORD was establishing that though Adam was made *from creation* he was to have dominion *over creation* which signifies Adam was to rule over all that God had created.

**God created Adam to be completely at home with creation;
and at the same time Adam was to live in perfect oneness and communion with God.**
—O. Robertson

It is written that from Adam the LORD fashioned Eve, and God gave Eve to Adam as a wife.

It is written that sometime after —Lucifer, that serpent of old, entered the garden.

Lucifer is now called *the Tempter*

Lucifer deceived Eve by offering her a half-truth

if you eat of the tree of knowledge

your eyes will be opened, and you will *be like God* knowing both good and evil...

but you shall not surely die. —Genesis 3:4-5

Eve ...saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes...desirable to make one wise, took of its fruit, and ate. She also gave to husband with her, and he ate. —Genesis 3:6

Eve being deceived fell into transgression.

Adam willfully rebelled against God’s authority by disobeying God’s word, and thus by doing so he willfully transgressed against the very nature and essence of all that God was and is.

Lucifer, from the beginning has blinded us to the reality of the God’s truth.
We chose the temporary things of this world over and above the eternal things of the kingdom.
(see 2 Corinthians 4:4)

The “**Edenic Covenant**” is referred by many as “**The Covenant of Works**”

It is called a covenant of works because the conditions were works based—thus, the outcome was completely dependent upon Adam’s perfect obedience performed in his own strength.

It is important to note that the result of Adams sin was not in the eating of the forbidden fruit but rather **it was in the act itself.**

When Adam and Eve partook of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, that in and of itself came with its own consequences.

the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked —Genesis 3:7

Both Adam and Eve were aware of their *loss of innocence*, they were conscience of their *sense of guilt*, they were ashamed, thus they acquired a knowledge **of evil *in themselves.***

The result of Adams sin: was not in the partaking but ***in the action*** that led to the partaking.

Adam should have seen Lucifer’s half-truth ***as being a high thing*** that was contending with that of God’s truth, Adam should of **taking the thought captive that was attempting to exalt itself over and above the knowledge of God—which was the God’s word to Adam.**

see 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

Adam understood God’s revealed will; thus, he willfully transgressed against God’s authority.

Adam broke the covenant that God had made with him.

The LORD God had promised Adam life and dominion and kingship over everything.

Adam was created to live under the provision, care, and authority of his Creator
being utterly aware of the heavenly realm,
and thus based out of his fellowship and relationship with God,
Adam was to govern the physical world.

Malcolm Smith

Yet Adam chose to deliberately rebel against God’s provision, promise and blessing.

Adam chose to live independently from the life of God.

Sin in its essence is to live a life *completely independent* and *contrary* to that of **the character, will and authority** of Almighty God.

Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as through one man (Adam) **sin** entered the world, and death through **sin**....

Some might ask why this verse does not include Eve?

Did she not have a part in this original sin?

Why does God hold Adam exclusively accountable for the fall?

God entered into a Covenant with Adam, before He formed Eve from Adam.

Adam was to lay hold of his position as being **head over his wife**. —Ephesians 5:23

Adam was **to love and sanctify** Eve by **washing her in God's word** —Ephesians 5:25

Adam under God's covering he was **to lead, nourish, and protect his wife**. —1 Corinthians 11:3

Adam was **to guard** Eve from **all deception**— after all they were **one flesh**. —Acts 20:28

When Lucifer tempted Eve, Adam remained silent and passive.

Adam as head was to protect, guard his wife; as well as defend God's word.

Adam like so many men today abdicated their responsibility by remained passive.

1 Timothy 2:14

"it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman who was led astray and fell into sin."

Adam is held completely responsible for his wife's **deception, actions, and rebellion**.

Adam is held entirely and completely responsible for the fall

because **he chose to heed the voice of his wife** instead of **heeding the word of the LORD**.

Adam willfully broke God's covenant.

(see Genesis 3:17; John 18:37; 1 Samuel 15:22-23; Proverbs 31:3)

"As Adam, they have broken the covenant...." —Hosea 6:7

Some have posed the question...

How could Adam—being created according to **the image and likeness of God**
being pronounced by God as being **'very good'**
being placed within **a perfect sinless environment..... commit sin?**

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Q. 17. How did God create man?

**A. God made man male and female, of the dust of the earth,
in knowledge and righteousness and holiness, having the law of God in their hearts,
and the power to fulfil it, yet subject to change.**

What we have set before us here in the very beginning
is that of the Creator and the creature, the Governor and the one governed.

Though Adam was without sin and thus an innocence creature, he was in fact a creature.

Adam was **subject to change**; either for *the better* or *for the worse*.

As we have studied previously **only God is immutable**, God cannot change.

Because Adam was a creature, he was entirely dependent upon God as his Creator.

God desired a relationship with Adam; one that was established upon trust.

Adam though innocent was endowed by God with a free will.

God offered Adam the opportunity to respond to His will.

Adam could choose to live **independently** left to rely upon his own wisdom and strength.

Or Adam could choose to live completely **dependent** upon his Creator,

his own free choice **being the determined factor**.

Though, God pronounced Adam in the beginning as being **"very good"**

having no corruption in him, nor evil ancestry behind him,

God tested Adam; to see if Adam would keep His covenant;

for his character thus far had not been proven.

Much like that of the angels—Adam was subject to trial,

to see whether or not he would serve, delight in, and glorify the LORD GOD his Maker.

(see Deuteronomy 8:2; Mathew 22:37)

Now before we continue

It vital for us as Christians to understand that Adam was created on the sixth day of creation.
and God rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. —Genesis 2:2

This reveals to us that Adam rested with God on the seventh day,
 This signifies that—

- **Before** God instructs Adam to have dominion over the physical world
- **before** God gives Adam the responsibility to tend and keep the garden
- **before** God asks Adam to name all the animals
- **before** God spoke a command or entered this conditional covenant with Adam
- **before** God fashioned Eve from Adam and gave her to be his wife
- **Adam rested in God's finished work.**

This is significant

Adam **did not deserve** the right to **have authority** over the whole earth

God gave it to him freely according to His good pleasure

Adam did nothing by which **to merit his position**

God gave it to him freely being predestined according to the counsel of will.

Adam did not perform any works of righteousness **to earn his identity**

God gave it to him freely according to the riches of His grace in Christ Jesus.

Adam begins his life with God based upon what God had accomplished and completed.

We too must enter our relationship with God based upon Christ finished work on the Cross.

“The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath” —Mark 2:27

(see Philippians 3:8-9; Romans 10:3-4)

Let us recall there were **two trees** in the garden:

The two trees are a physical representation of a spiritual reality.

The tree of life which when a person partakes is symbolic for Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the grain of wheat that died on the Cross at Calvary—

(see John 12:25-26)

The tree of life is a metaphor of Christ who now offers eternal life through His life

(see—John 5:24; James 1:18;)

Christ is pictured of the Good Tree that yields its fruit each month—continuously.

(see Mathew 7:17-18)

The tree of life is symbolic in the sense that there is only one mediator between God and man, the Man Jesus Christ—1 Timothy 2:5;

(see Acts 4:12)

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil in which we have all been partakes in Adam.

- It represents man's self-rule.
- It describes mans will to be self-sufficient.
- It is a life that is self-determined to do what is right according to their own eyes.
 - It illustrates a life that seeks on its own to define what is good and evil.
 - It mirrors a life that is self-governing.
 - It displays a life that is self-righteous.
 - It designates a life independent from the life of God.
 - It's a life that loves darkness rather than light of God's truth.
 - It's a life that is unthankful and does not seek God.
- It displays a life that has no desire to glorify nor do the will of God.

(see 2 timothy 3:2-5; Galatians 5:18-2; Ephesians 2:2-3)

So, what was the result of Adam breaking this covenant with God?

When Adam rebelled and sinned against God—all of creation suffered the catastrophic and detrimental consequences of one-man's disobedience.

By one **man's disobedience** many were constituted **sinners** —Romans 5:19

The aftermath of Adams sin is defined in holy scripture as being **the fall**.

Genesis 3:17-19

Cursed is the ground for your sake

for out the ground you were taken from dust you are, and to dust you shall return.

Everything that had been created from the earth fell under this curse.

Everything that has life entered into a covenant with death—

Every man, woman, and child, the birds, the fish, and every animals— **die**.

Every tree, every blade of grass, every herb, and all the flowers of the field—**die**.

Every living thing that has breath dies.

When Adam stood before God in Eden he stood as our **"federal head."**

Adam stood as **"mankind's representative"**

When Adam sinned, we being in the lions of Adam—all partook of the same.

What Adam inherited we too have inherited.

God does not judge mankind like a single stalk of corn, as though we stand individually.

God dealt with mankind as likened to that of a tree

each branch connected to the trunk thus all existing from the same root.

"Already the ax is laid ready to sever the root of the trees..." —Matthew 3:10

Adams guilt and sin nature has been imputed and imparted unto us.

This affects our standing before God, we have no access to God because our sins.

This sin nature refers to that of the heart—**"the heart is desperately wicked"**—Jeremiah 17:19

Thus, it is because of this hard, impenitent, wicked heart that we commit sin—Mark 7:20-23

the root of our problem lies not in what we do, but rather in **what we are**.

We do not become sinful by sinning—**we sin** because we are **sinful by nature**.

We are all Covenant Breakers

Genesis 5:3

Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son **in his own likeness, in his own image...**

Due to the fact of Adams rebellion and disobedience toward God and His word,
Adam's sin brought about a broken fellowship with God,
sin has separated the creature from that of the Creator.

This is called spiritual death.

The sinner has no spiritual life with God due to their sin.

Thus, dead in trespasses and sins, the sinner is dead toward the things pertaining to God,
and of Christ and to the eternal things of the kingdom.

The sinner is spiritually dead and cannot understanding nor treasure God's word.

The sinner is outside of the kingdom and thus outside of comprehended God's love.

Without Christ the sinner is spiritual dead, without the Holy Spirit he remains unregenerated.
The sinner is dominated by their wicked heart; influenced by the world, their minds corrupted.

Their life consists of a life that is lived only for what can be seen.

They are drawn to sin by the power of their sin nature, they partake of the desires of the flesh.

They covet everything that is temporary and fleeting.

The sinner is without hope in the world and finds no true rest for their soul.

The very fact that we that we go on breaking the covenant and disobeying the law of God
show our oneness with Adam's nature.

Our complicity with Adam in his rebellion

is evidenced by each and every time we are inclined to sin against God. —A. W. Pink

In God's sovereignty He saw fit that the covenant of works be broken
so that a far better covenant of grace might be administered

The covenant having been broken by Adam, must now be fulfilled by the Last Adam.

Let us move on now to the **“Adamic Covenant.”**

It is written that after Adam and Eve sinned against God
that God then addresses Lucifer

‘the anointed Cherub’ ‘that serpent of old who became the devil.’ —Revelation 12:9
Genesis 3:14-15

You are cursed...

**“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed;
He shall crush your head, and you shall strike His heel.”**

There are some who believe that the serpent was a literal snake,
but again the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible.

For we read in Ezekiel 28:13

You were **in Eden**, the garden of God.

Every precious stone was your covering—

sardius, topaz,.....diamond, beryl, onyx, jasper, sapphire, turquoise, emerald, gold.

These are exact.....precious stones that describe the foundation of the new Jerusalem

(see Revelation 21)

The LORD continues in Ezekiel 28:14

You **the anointed Cherub**, I established...

You were perfect in your ways, till iniquity was found in you.

By the abundance of your trading.... you sinned.

*Lucifer traded **the eternal for the temporary.***

Your heart was proud because of your beauty,

Isaiah 14:12-14

Oh how you have fallen O Lucifer, for you said in your heart:

“I will ascend, I will exalt my throne, I will I be like the Most High”

I am fully persuaded that it was here in Eden that Lucifer fell.

God cursed Lucifer while he was in the garden, after these events took place.

God said, **“You are cursed...”** — Genesis 3:14

There is nowhere in holy scripture that we see that God curses anything twice.

For to do so would contradict the very nature and essence of Almighty God.

Genesis 3:15

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed;

He shall **crush your head**, and you shall strike His heel.”

Why would the Holy Spirit emphasize on the head of Satan?

Because Satan’s name means **usurper**.

He is defined as one who **takes the position** of power, and authority **illegally** or **by force**.

God promised that a Deliverer would come from the seed of a woman to crush the serpent.

This promise was agreed upon within the Divine counsels of the Godhead

The plan of redemption was established within the Trinity, all three confirmed it by an oath,

binding it legally **through the blood of the everlasting covenant**” —Hebrews 13:20

The term oath emphasizes the essence of a bond within a relationship.

The term covenant stresses how the Three Divine Persons are committed one to another.

The fact that it was an Everlasting Covenant indicates Divine provision was foreseen

“The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” —Revelation 13:8

2 Timothy 1:8-9

Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony of the Lord....

Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works,
but **according to His own purpose** and **grace** which was given to us in Christ Jesus

before time began.

Again, these point to and refer us back to when **the covenant of redemption**

was established which was ***before the foundation of the world.***

(see Ephesians 1:3-6)

A covenant is a bound in blood sovereignly administered

Each covenant that was established throughout God's word **was sealed by blood.**

After the fall of Adam, God proceeded with His plan of redemption.
God made provision for Adam and Even to cover their sin through a blood sacrifice.

Genesis 3:21

Also, for Adam and his wife the LORD God made **tunics** of skin and **clothed** them.

For it is written that afterwards Adam and Eve sewn for themselves fig leaves,
which speaks of the works of a man.

**"Their webs will not become their garments,
Nor will they cover themselves with **their works**,
Their works are works of iniquity." —Isaiah 59:6**

Thus, we notice that it was God who provided the lamb as a sacrifice for sin.

The sacrificial life of *the innocent* for the life of *the guilty*.

For without **the shedding of blood** there is **no forgiveness** —Hebrews 9:22

We all need to be clothed by God in the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Adam and Eve Forgiven, yes indeed, but the repercussions of Adams sin —devesting.

Throughout the Old-Testament the blood of a sinless animal was required.

The animal was sacrificed in order that it's blood might make atonement for sin.

A sinless life must be sacrificed as a substitute and the blood of the innocent must be applied,
the death of another must take place.

Leviticus 7:11

For **the life** of the flesh **is in the blood**, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make
atonement for your souls; for it is **the blood** that makes **atonement for the soul.**"

Metaphors and Types in the Old-Testament

Throughout the Old-Testament whenever the term **“made a covenant”**
is literally in Hebrew **“to cut a covenant”**

We see this especially being portrayed in

Genesis 15:9-17

God said to him, “Bring Me a three your-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat,
a three-year ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.

Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle,
and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.

—and it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold,
there appeared a **smoking oven** and a **burning torch** that passed between the pieces.

The smoking oven here is symbolic **for judgement**, God’s wrath poured out upon our sins.
The **burning torch** is symbolic of the Lord Jesus as our substitute as an offering for sin.

What many do not fully understand
is that the old covenant cast but a shadow to the of the heavenly reality.

There were many sacrifices and offerings that were offered to God on behalf of the people
these were required to cover their sins and their trespasses.

The meal-offering: which required beaten fine flour, frankincense, and oil.

Depicts His body beaten, scourged, and finally crucified.

The burnt offering: required an unblemished bull, ram, goat, lamb

The lamb depicts Christ submission, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

The peace offering: which required unblemished bull, lamb, goat.

Implies that we are “forgiving” and “accepted” we have peace with God through Jesus Christ.

The sin and trespass offering: which required unblemished lamb, two turtle doves.

The dove indicates Christ innocence, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

The earthly tabernacle, its furniture, the earthly priesthood and ministry,
the various earthly sacrifices and their offerings were but

..... a shadow of the things to come,

but **the body that casts it—belongs to Christ.** —Colossians 2:17

So, with the time remaining let us see how **The New Covenant fulfills the Edenic covenant.**

For though **The Edenic Covenant** was broken by Adam
 God continued with **The Covenant of Redemption** for it could never be annulled.
 Jesus would come as the last Adam to fulfill the conditions and requirements
 of The Edenic Covenant to make straight the way of **The Covenant of Grace.**

The Covenant of Redemption points to that of **the New Covenant**
 God's plan of salvation for mankind was predetermined as the **Everlasting Covenant**
 To which is why the inspired writer of Hebrews states that
 Christ is a **better Mediator** of a **better Covenant** because He established it on **better Promises.**
(see Hebrews 8:6)

The Old Covenant was the foundation for that which was to come,
 it is what The New Covenant is built upon.

Matthew 5:17

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets.

I did not come to destroy **but to fulfill.**

(see Ephesians 2:20)

Let us see how the blood and sacrifice of the eternal Son of glory
 fulfills both **The Edenic Covenant** as well as the promise giving in **The Adamic Covenant.**

Genesis 3:15

**“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed;
 He shall crush your head, and you shall strike His heel.”**

God sent His Son as [the Last Adam](#).

**Jesus Christ is the only Man who could meet the conditions and requirements
that were established within the Edenic covenant.**

Jesus came to testify of the law and the prophets.

Jesus came to fulfill the righteousness that the law required.

(see John 5:39; Luke 24:44)

Under the old sacrificial system of the law

The blood of goats and calves could only achieve ceremonial cleansing.

The blood of animals could only cover sin; yet it had no intrinsic value to take away sin.

Hebrews 10:5

Therefore, when He came into the world, He said,

“[Sacrifice and offering](#) You did not desire,

But [a body You have prepared for Me,](#)

In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin, You had no pleasure.

Philippians 2:6-9

**Who, being in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.**

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him

the name that is above every name.

**[These verses trace the path of the eternal Son who descended from highest glory
to deepest humiliation and ascended too supreme glory. —A. W. Pink](#)**

The Holy Spirit sets before us the position concerning the Son of God
in relation to that of God the Father and Himself.
with which He occupied in eternity.

He shows us that supreme Majesty, Sovereignty and Glory was His.
The Spirit then reminds us of those unfathomable depths of
condescension and humiliation into which He descended for our sakes.

Philippians 2:6

Who, being in the form of God...

The very First things that we are see is this affirms the absolute Deity of the Son.
Jesus who being in the very nature of God, "**One in essence, power, and glory.**"
He is "**the image of the invisible God**" —Colossians 1:15

The whole nature of God is in Christ, by Him God is declared and expressed to us. —A. W. Pink

"Jesus came to manifest God to us"

John 1:18

No one has seen God at any time.

The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He had declared or revealed Him.

In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and **the word was God** —John 1:1

Jesus came to reveal God's glory and the exact expression of His substance. —Bagster

Christ is the brightness of God's glory and the express image of His Person —Hebrews 1:3

Here we the Holy Spirit making a clear and perfect distinction
between what is Infinite and what is finite, what is Eternal and what is temporal,
He who is the Creator and what is the creature.

To whom then **will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal?** says the Holy One —Isaiah. 40:25

Philippians 2:6-7

did not count **equality with God** a thing **to be grasped** but **emptied Himself...**

This statement implies that since He “the Son of God” had always been
co-eternal and **co-equal** with God

Jesus was fully aware that as “the Son of Man” through the incarnation that He would willingly
set aside His privileges **“My Father is greater than I”** —John 14:28; John 5:19
knowing He would never lose His Divine Essence. **“I and My Father are one”** —John 10:30

The Son did not reckon equality with the Father nor negate the Holy Spirit an act of usurping.

Christ was still "equal with God" when He descended to earth.

Though veiled in human flesh it was **“the Lord of glory”** that was crucified —1 Corinthians 2:8

The Holy Spirit magnifies the absolute Divinity of Christ’s person.

He exhibits our Savior in two chief characters:

First: He is described Christ as possessing all the perfections of Deity.

As **the God the Son**, the **second Person of the Trinity**.

Second: He showcases Christ as **the Servant of the Godhead**.

as **the Godman**, our Mediator, when the Word become flesh.

It was God Himself who was **“manifest in the flesh”** —1 Timothy. 3:16

**“Behold I have come—in the volume of the book
it is written of Me..... to do your will O God.”**—Hebrews 10:7

He abdicated His position on the Throne and entered one of servitude. —Spurgeon

Luke 22:27

For who is greater, the one who reclines *at the table* or the one who serves?

Is it not the one who reclines *at the table*? **But I am among you as the one who serves.**

How earnestly the Christian needs to seek grace
to be content with the lowest place God and men assign him;
to be ready to perform the menial service; to be and do anything which brings glory to God.

—A. W. Pink

Philippians 2:7

by taking the **form of a servant**

He came not to be served, but **to serve** and give His life as a ransom —Mark 10:45; Ps 113:6

Both Adam and Eve were tested:

Genesis 3:6

"When the woman saw that the tree was **good for food**, and that it was **a delight to the eyes**, and.....**desirable to make one wise**, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate"

As our **Kingsman-Redeemer**: Jesus came as our Representative and Federal Head.

As the **Last Adam**: Jesus came to live a sinless life in complete obedience to God.

Jesus was led by the Spirit and tested and tempted by the devil.

The tempter came, "Since You are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread."

Jesus, answered, "**It is written man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.**" —Matthew 4:3-4

The devil then took Jesus to the pinnacle of the temple, saying, "Since you're the Son of God, throw yourself off, for the God shall give His angels charge over you, in your hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus replied, "**It is written again, 'You shall tempt the LORD your God.'**" —Matthew 4:5-7

Christ's food was to do the will of His Father, Jesus would not be tempted by any other purpose then to accomplish the plan of redemption, and this—**was not His hour**.

The devil then showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and said, "All these things I will give to You if You will fall down and worship me."

Jesus repaid, "**Get behind Me Satan, for it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only shall you worship.'**" —Matthew 4:8-10

Jesus fulfilled the conditions and the requirements that were set forward in the covenant that God had made with Adam in Eden.

Jesus proved that He was not **of the world**, though He was **in the world**.

The lust of the flesh, the lusts of the eyes, and the pride of life had no power over Him.

Where **Adam rebelled** against God word; **Christ submitted** and obeyed perfectly.

Philippians 2:7

being **born in the likeness of men.**

Jesus was made **lower the angels, to behold the things of heaven and earth.**
born of a virgin, He was conceived of the Holy Spirit. —Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:27;34

"Forasmuch then as the children are **partakers of flesh and blood,**
 He also Himself likewise **took part of the same** —Hebrews 2:14-15

The humanity of Christ was under the immediate agency of the Holy Spirit

His birth was **Divinely promised** —Isaiah 7:14

His body was **prepared of God**—Hebrews 10:5

yet He was **"made of a woman"** —Galatians 4:4

Though equal in majesty and glory with God, He joyfully resigned Himself to the Father's will

The word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory
 the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth —John 1:14

This depicts His **visible glory** —Mathew 17:1-2

Display's **His Majesty** through His ministry, miracles, and power —Mark 6:48; John 11:43-44
 and Manifests **His Sovereignty** and **Authority** — Mark 5:7-8; Luke 5:18-21

Jesus displayed His Father's **power and control over all things**—Mark 4:41

Jesus **spoke His Father's words with Authority**—John 3:34

Jesus **appeared as the Father's glorified presence** with His people —Matt. 17:1-8

"While we always contend that Christ is God,

let us never lose the conviction He is most certainly a man.

His humanity is real, He lay in the virgin's womb, and in due time was born.

The gate by which we enter our first life He passed through also.

He appeared as **"a root out of a dry ground,"** having **"no form nor comeliness"** —Isaiah. 53:2

Christ was not created, nor transformed, but rather He was begotten, born of the Holy Spirit.

His nature was not stained by the effects of the fall.

It was God Himself who was **"manifest in the flesh"** —1 Timothy. 3:16

Philippians 2:8

And **being found in human form,**
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death...

In order to accomplish the predetermined plan of redemption,
 and satisfy the conditions and requirements of the Edenic Covenant
 thereby fulfilling the righteous requirements of the law;
 Jesus as the Godman would be required to live a sinless life.
being **tempted in all ways like us** **yet without sin.** —Hebrews 4:15

**Jesus as the Son of Man would be completely reliant upon the Holy Spirit
 in order to maintain fellowship, oneness, and intimacy with the Father —J. Boice**

Jesus is **the second Man**—1 Corinthians 15:47

He came to accomplished what the first Adam could never achieve.

The consequences of Adam fell beneath the curse of God,
 in like manner Christ was sent to bear the curse of God.

Jesus voluntarily took on Himself the sins of His people as **the last Adam.**

Christ came as our representative to become our substitute.

The Son of God Jesus took on flesh and blood so that He could take our place.

A Divine exchange must take place.

Just as **Adams disobedience in the garden of Eden** brought about **the fall of mankind,**
 so **the obedience of 'the last Adam'** in the garden of Gethsemane was essential
 for the Son of Man to go to **the Cross for the sake of mankind's salvation.**

The disobedience of the first Adam was our judicial ground for condemnation;
 the obedience of the last Adam is the legal ground on which God alone can justify the sinner.

Jesus Christ is and has always been **"The Standard"** of perfection.

Only the righteousness of God can satisfy the holy demands of **what God requires,**
 which is **Christ for righteousness** to everyone **who believes.**"

(see Mathew 5:20; Romans 10:4)

Philippians 2:6-9

he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, *even death on a cross.*

**God cannot exercise mercy at the expense of His perfect righteousness and justice.
In the sending of His Son, God kept His own Standard for it overflows within His own nature.**

God cannot forgive sin; *Sin is contrary to the very essence and nature of God.*

**God cannot forgive sin, the only way in which God can forgive sin
is to have *judged it*, then *punished it; condemned it*, and finally *penalized it*.**

When Christ was nailed to the Cross—our sins were transferred upon our Divine substitute.

God's righteousness demanded it*, and *our sin required it.

God poured out His wrath upon our sins in the sinless body of His Son

Christ blood was poured out for the forgiveness of our sin.

Jesus died in our place the Just for the unjust; God's justice upon our sin was fully vindicated.

Our sins have been completely punished and penalized through His one-time sacrifice.

The righteousness of God is now revealed in Christ who loved us and gave Himself for us.

For Christ died the death that we deserved.

Through the New Covenant Jesus became *the better sacrifice.*

Hebrews 9:26

He (Christ) has appeared (before God) to put away sin

by the sacrifice of Himself.

**Jesus offered up His life for ours, He paid the debt and died the penalty for our sins.
For Christ also suffered once for sins the Just for the unjust so that He might bring us to God.**

For God made Him who knew no sin, to be sin for us,

in order that we might become the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

Glorious Gospel indeed, we have been reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of law, having become a curse for us,

so that we might receive the promise of faith in Christ Jesus.

What God requires God provides.

The justice of God is not only satisfied but glorified!

Philippians 2:9

**Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him
the Name that is above every name.**

**Jesus was buried, and on the third day,
God by the power of the Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the grave,
declaring once and for all to the entire seen and unseen world
that God was and is finally and fully satisfied.
Jesus has paid the ransom price so that our sins could be forgiven,
and that death has been swallowed up in Christ's Victory**

**Christ Jesus was appointed to be not only the Head of His Church,
but also "the firstborn of all *new creation*" —Colossians 1:15**

Forty days later Jesus ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of glory and Majesty.

**God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him
the Name that is above every name, all authority has been given to the Son,
Christ now reigns supreme over every throne, might, principality, power, realm and dominion.**

**"Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently, He shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high"
—Isaiah 52:13**

**"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing"
—Revelation 5:12**

**"No man shall ever behold the glory of Christ by sight in heaven who does not,
in some measure, behold it by faith in this world."**

—John Owen

In Ephesians 1:9

God “...has made known to us the mystery of His will,
according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself.”

There was an order in the Covenant of redemption as well as creation,
and Christ had “the pre-eminence” in all things.

The very fact that God’s will has been made known to us by the Cross
proves the purpose and pleasure for which it was written:

The gift of salvation

through faith in what Christ accomplished on the Cross as our substitute,
was from everlasting according to the good pleasure of God’s will.

The Everlasting Covenant was written so that God’s righteousness and Justice
would be revealed through the Gospel by way of the Cross of Jesus Christ.

Acts 2:23

“Him, (Christ) being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God...”

The root word of redemption signifies a payment made by a Redeemer.
A redeemer is One who pays the ransom or the purchase price of another,
one who is held captive under the demand and penalty of death.

This symbolizes the Messiah as our Deliverer,

Christ rescued us by penetrating into the enemy’s territory (the world)
and thus redeems us who were held prisoners enslaved to sin through the Cross.

we have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ — 1 Peter 1: 18-19

Jesus Christ Crushed the head of Satan through His finished work on the Cross.
Our Savior saves us from sins guilt, penalty and power by translating us out of the
dominion of darkness into the everlasting kingdom of light.

We have been united to Christ in His death

so that we might walk in the newness of life by way of His resurrection.

The **first man Adam** became a living being, **The Last Adam** became a life-giving Spirit.

(see 1 Corinthian 15:45-57)

So how might we make a practical application tonight?

Does anyone recall the very first words that God spoke to Adam after he had sinned?
the all-knowing, all-seeing, ever-present LORD GOD comes to Adam and says,

“Where are you?” —Genesis 3:9

We could spend the rest of the evening regarding this question, by God.

Notice that God doesn’t ask **“what** have you done? But rather **“where** are you?”

Adam was giving the earth as a kingdom in order that he might have dominion over it.
The LORD God delegated to Adam the authority and dominion to rule over the physical world.

Likewise, as Christian are called to reign as kings over the temporary kingdoms of this earth;
knowing that **our citizenship is in heaven.** —Philippians 3:20

Though we are **in** the world.... we are not **of** the world —John 15:19

The Apostle Paul said to the church at Corinth; **“I indeed could wish you did reign as kings
so that we also might reign with you.”** —1 Corinthians 4:8

If Adam were to reign over this earthly kingdom, he must fully understand the source by
which his authority comes and upon the power to which to execute that authority.

Likewise, we must enlist as good **Soldiers of Christ** —2 Timothy 2:3-4

we might **fight this good fight of faith** —2 Timothy 4:7

Warfare **requires faith**; and absolute diligence, **self-control**, and **vigilance** —1 Peter 5:8-9

We must wage war against all **deception, seduction, and temptation.** —2 Corinthians 10:5

We must **be strong in the Lord** and **in the power of His might** —Ephesians 6:10-18

If Adam was to rule as king, he must believe in his identity and sit in his position God as a king.

Lastly, we as **co-heirs with Christ**, must stake our claim in the Lion’s share —Romans 8:17

We must receive and **possess** the promise of our **eternal inheritance**, —Obadiah 1:17

For we are **destined for the Throne** to **share with Christ in all His glory.** —Revelation 3:21

**Faith in Christ made manifest in the Gospel translates us into an everlasting kingdom,
God made alive in Christ we sit with Christ spiritually upon the throne.**

From that prospective our view of life ought to be transformed.

But we must humble ourselves beneath the mighty hand of God, if we are to be exalted by Him.

**If we are to have the same mind in us that was in Christ;
we must renew our minds, our thoughts ought to be governed by God's Word,
and our ways regulated by God's revealed will.**

**Our priorities and motives ought to be restructures and our goals reordered,
we must start walking with our King having a mind of self-sacrifice;
practicing a lifestyle of self-surrender,
walking by the Spirit in complete obedience to God.**

**For by one man's (Adam) trespass...death reigned....
much more those who receive **the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness**
will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. —Romans 5:17**

Coram Deo

**living in the presence of
under the authority of
all to the glory and honor of
God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**In our next class we shall look at how the Noahic Covenant, the Abrahamic Covenant,
the Mosaic Covenant and finally the Davidic Covenant are all tethered to the Covenant of Grace
from which all the Covenants flow through—
for they all point to their ultimate fulfillment in the New Covenant in Christ Jesus.**

**May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. —2 Cor. 13:14**



Fundamentals of our Faith Study Questions

(Please use an extra sheet paper when needed)

1. What is the answer to Question of 7 of the Westminster Confession of Faith? _____

2. What are the two different types of Covenants found in the Bible? _____

3. What is the Edenic Covenant a symbol of? _____

4. What Identity did God give Adam? _____

5. What position did God give Adam? _____

6. What authority did God give Adam? _____

7. What was the lie that Lucifer told Eve? _____

Fundamentals of our Faith Study Questions continued

8. What was result of Adam sin? _____

9. What does 2 Peter 3:18 grow in the grace our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? _____

10. What is the definition of a Creed? _____

11. Was the result of Adam's sin based upon him eating of the forbidden fruit? _____

12. What is the essence of sin? _____

13. What is the answer to Question of 17 of the Westminster Confession of Faith? _____

14. Was Adam created with a free will and if so, what was the result? _____

Fundamentals of our Faith Study Questions continued

15. What were the two different trees in the garden, and what do they represent? _____

16. What is the difference between the Covenant of Grace compared to that of the covenant of works?

17. Why is it significant to understand that Adam rested on his very day the day after he was created?

18. How are we identified with Adam? _____

19. How are we covenant breakers? _____

Fundamentals of our Faith Study Questions continued

21. What was the result of the fall? _____

22. When God cursed the serpent who was He cursing? _____

23. Do you believe that Lucifer was in the garden? _____

24. What did Lucifer trade? _____

25. What does the name of Satan mean? _____

26. What did Adam and Eve cover themselves with? _____

Why did they cover themselves? _____

27. Why does God require blood to make atonement for sin? _____

28. Explain the meaning of Matthew 5:17? _____

Fundamentals of our Faith Study Questions continued

29. Name two of the ways that Christ is in the form of God? _____

30. Name two of the ways that Christ is in the equal of God? _____

31. What does it mean that Jesus emptied Himself, what did He empty Himself of? _____

32. In what way was Christ a servant of God? _____

33. Name three ways that Christ CLOTHED Himself in the likeness of man, through the incarnation. _____

Fundamentals of our Faith Study Questions continued

34. Why was it important that Jesus humbled Himself to God? _____

35. Why is Jesus called the Last Adam? _____

36. Why can't God forgive sin without it being punished? _____

37. What is the significance that Jesus was punished and penalized as our substitute?

38. What is the result of God exalting His Son Jesus Christ? _____
