

Eternity
Destiny
Understanding
Covenant
Application
Teach
Engage



First Covenant

Cultural Mandate - Be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth, and subdue it (make it work)

The Covenant of Works

- God's **People**,
- In **Paradise**,
- With God **Present**

Covenant and the Curse

- **Genesis 3:1-5** The serpent was clever, more clever

The Covenant Curses

- **People - Genesis 3:15** Then he said to the woman, "I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you." NLT
- **Paradise - Genesis 3:17-19** And to the man he said, "Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. 18 It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains. 19 By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat. NLT
- **Presence - Genesis 3:22-24** Then the Lord God said, "Look, the human beings have become like us, knowing both good and evil. What if they reach out, take fruit from the tree of life, and eat it? Then they will live forever!" 23 **So the Lord God banished them from the Garden of Eden**, and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made. 24 After sending them out, the Lord God stationed mighty cherubim to the east of the Garden of Eden. And he placed a flaming sword that flashed back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life. NLT
- **Life and Death – Genesis 3:19b** until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return."

Consequences of the Curse

The Apostle Paul writing to the Christians:

1. Guilt

- **Romans 5:18** but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. 19 Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.

2. Grime

- **Romans 5:12-14** You know the story of how Adam landed us in the dilemma we're in — first sin, then death, and no one exempt from either sin or death. 13 That sin disturbed relations with God in everything and everyone, but the extent of the disturbance was not clear until God spelled it out in detail to Moses. So death, this huge abyss separating us from God, dominated the landscape from Adam to Moses. 14 Even those who didn't sin precisely as Adam did by disobeying a specific command of God still had to experience this termination of life, this separation from God. But Adam, who got us into this, also points ahead to the One who will get us out of it. The Message

3. Grave

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Conflict –

- Genesis 3:15 And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring.
 - Who's your Daddy? Who's offspring will you be?
 - **John 10:10** The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy.
- Sticks and Stones
 - Conflict – War of words and ideals!
 - 2 Different Gospels
 - Offspring will be continually at war!
 - Genesis 4 – Cain and Abel
 - 1 John 3:10-13

Progressive Problem

- Genesis 6:1-8
- One Man!
- Lessons to learn:
 - Sin is inescapable and has inescapable consequences!
 - Judgment is the inescapable consequence of sin!
 - The immeasurable attribute of God's GRACE!
- Genesis 8:1 – But God remembered!
- Genesis 8:20 – Noah response to God

God's Covenant with Noah

- Genesis 9:1 God blessing and reminder!
- Genesis 9:2-6 I have given you everything, BUT
- Genesis 9:8-17 God initiated, and covenant established.
- **Provision** - Genesis 8:21-22 – God promises to Noah that He will continue to provide for the world , even when it fills up with sinners again!
- **“The Covenant of Common Grace”**
 - Common Grace is the name given to all good gifts God gives to all humanity.

“**Common Grace**” needs to be differentiated between “**Saving Grace**”.

- Common Grace and Prevention
- Luke 11:13
- Mystery
 - If “Common Grace” would have been enough, there wouldn’t have been a need for more covenants.
 - A world of mixed messages
 - God himself distinguishes between “Good” and “Godly”!

