

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 Broken – People, Paradise, Presence, Life and Death
- Consequences of the Curse – Guilt, Grime and the Grave.
- Constant Conflict - Genesis 3:15
- Promise of Hope - Genesis 3:15 (grace began here)

Progressive Problem

- Genesis 6:1-6 Increasing Corruption on Earth
 - vs. 7-8 I will blot out man!
- Genesis 6:8 One man found favor – Noah

God's Covenant with Noah

- 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”.

The Call and The Promise!

- Genesis 12:1-9
- God promises Abram: a people, a place, and His own presence as blessings.

Promise, Questions, Belief and Question

- Genesis 15:1-8
- How can I be sure?
- I believe but help my unbelief! Mark 9:23-24

The Ceremony

- God's answer to the question!
- Genesis 15:9-19

- Reason for covenants was a binding agreement.
- Serious consequences if the covenant was broken.
- Slaughtered animal and blood was an experience reminder!

Genesis 15:17-18

- The smoking firepot is a symbol for God. Astoundingly, God himself “walks” through the torn animals.
- **Abraham is saved by grace alone. To say that we are saved by grace alone is simply to say that we’re saved by God alone.**

Covenant Conditions

- Genesis 17:1-8
 - God declares the covenant again: People, a place, His Blessing.
 - Significance of change of name:

- Abraham's part: Genesis 17:9-14
 - Circumcision suddenly becomes a big deal!
 - It is the difference between your in and your out!
- Vital distinction between the Covenant of Works and the Covenant of Grace.
- **Galatians 3:6-7** In the same way, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." 7 The real children of Abraham, then, are those who put their faith in God. NLT
- Unconditional and Conditional – The tension between Genesis 15 and Genesis 17.
- Ephesians 2:8-10
 - **Faith is just about receiving someone else's work.**

