

Eternity
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Covenant

In The Beginning:

- Cultural Mandate – Genesis 1:27-28 – Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it!

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

1. Guilt

- **Romans 5:18** Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone,

2. Grime

- **Romans 5:12** 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. The Message
 - **We are bent to Sin!**

3. Grave

- **Romans 5:12b** and no one exempt from either sin or death. The Message

According to the first covenant, the **covenant of works**, Adam and all human beings after him are covenant- breakers. We simply must die; there is no way around it.

The **covenant of grace**, in each of its successive editions, has promised great blessings to God's people.

Exodus 34:6–7 And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, 7 keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, NKJV

- “Merciful and gracious . . . forgiving iniquity and transgression”: good, gospel news.
- “By no means clearing the guilty”: there’s the problem.
 - **If you’re guilty, you must be punished.**

Belief Alone????

The Take-and-Give Savior

– **Romans 5: 12-16**

1. The Grave Jesus Takes:

- Romans 3:23
- Romans 6:23
- Romans 5:8
- Romans 10:11
- Romans 10:13

Blood of animals couldn't atone for our sins! - **Hebrews 10:4-7**

Only a human could pay the price for human sin! - **Philippians 2:6-8**

Christ redeemed us! – Galatians 3:13-14

2. Guilt Jesus Takes: Our Guilt, He has taken the curse in place of his people, their guilty status before God can now change.

- Romans 5:1-2
- Romans 5:18-19
- Our debt has been wiped clean, paid in full!
- Justification in Christ!

3. Grime Jesus Takes: Our Grime, remember that, as well as the legal status of “guilty,” we also received corrupt, grimy natures from Adam.

- “Slaves to sin by nature”
- Romans 6:5-7
- We still can fall into sin – 1Corinthians 10:12-13
- Romans 6:5-9

One with Christ!

The account of the Bible is constantly emphasizing the three p's.
(People, Place and Presence)

At the last supper Jesus called his blood “covenant blood.” He is teaching us that at the cross He won not just forgiveness, but therefore also a

- place among God's people
- in the future paradise world and eventually heaven
- and an abiding presence (the Holy Spirit dwelling in us)

Luke 22:14-20 And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. 15 And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. 16 For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." 17 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. 18 For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." 19 And he 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." 20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is **the new covenant in my blood.** ESV

As we receive communion today:

- I am grateful that you have taken away my guilt!
- I am grateful that you have freed me from my grime!
- I am grateful that unless Christ returns, I will die but I am freed from the grave> I have resurrection life in Christ Jesus!!!