



“Covenant Keepers”

Genesis 17:1-10

The entire Bible is presented by God to the whole church and to each Christian as the Book of Covenant. Church history documents wars between the world and the church for centuries.

Biblical Doctrine has to do with covenant relationships between God and Man. Bible ethics have to do with expressing God’s covenant relationship with us through the covenant relationships between others and ourselves.

Christian Religion is the very nature of covenant life in which, God is the direct object of our faith, our hope, our love, our worship, and our service.

A Covenant relationship is the bedrock between God and Christians. This covenant relationship is a voluntary, mutual commitment that binds each party to the other. The reality of the relationship depends simply on the fact that mutual obligation has been accepted and pledged on both sides.

Three things are very clear:

First, the gospel of God is not properly understood until it is viewed within a covenant relationship. The biblical revelation, which is the written Word of God, centers upon a God-given narrative of how successive and cumulative revelations of God’s Covenant Purpose and Provision were given and responded to at key points in history. It is God’s Word to the world!

Second, the story that forms this backbone of the Bible has to do with man’s covenant relationship with God. First ruined and then restored. The original covenant is usually called the Covenant of Works.

Third, Man, by his fall having made himself incapable of life under the original covenant, the Lord was pleased to make a second covenant commonly called the covenant of grace. This is what we live by daily—The Covenant of Grace.

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