

Psalms 111:9, "He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant forever: holy and reverend is his name."

My prayer this morning is for more children of God to have knowledge of and believe in the Everlasting Covenant of Grace. In the verse previously cited, it is David who declares unto us that God's Covenant of Redemption is forever. And someone may ask, 'What is the Covenant of Grace?' And my answer to them is, Before the foundation of the world, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost made a Covenant to save a definite number of Adam's race, which is a number that no man can number out of every kindred, tongue, people and nation (Revelation 5:9). Why do I believe in the Covenant of Grace, you ask? I offer the following reasons:

(1) The verse of scripture such as the one previously cited (Ps 111:9), Hebrews 13:20 and Zechariah 9:11 must have a place in our interpretation of scripture. These verses of scripture teach us of an everlasting covenant that was made before the world began.

(2) The subjects of Election and Predestination. The Bible is very clear that these two subjects have their beginning before time began. According to Ephesians 1:4-5, both of these events took place "before the foundation of the world". These two precious doctrines began in the mind of God in a Covenant of Grace in eternity past.

(3) The "will of the Father". According to John 6:39, Jesus Christ came down from heaven to do the "Father's will". For there to be a "Father's will" for the Son to do, there must first be a covenant that was made.

(4) The subjects of Redemption and Reconciliation. For there to be a redemption, there must first be a prior ownership. We were Christ's in covenant before we fell in Adam. Christ came to buy back that which was His in covenant. Peter would say that we are "now RETURNED unto the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls" (1 Peter 2:25). For there to be a reconciliation, there must first be a prior relationship. And again, we belonged to Him in Covenant before we fell in Adam, and that is the reason Paul would say "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ..." (2 Corinthians 5:18).

(5) The children of God in the Old Testament. According to Hebrews 10:1-4 the sacrifices offered in the Old Testament did not make one person righteous in the sight of God. The Bible is very clear that we are not righteous in God's sight by our works (Romans 3:23, Titus 3:5 and Ephesians 2:8-10). 'How did the Old Testament Saints go to heaven you ask?' The same way all children of God do, by the Grace of God. The way they went is because a covenant was made that Jesus Christ would come and die for their sins. Because of the reciprocal faithfulness of the God Head, the children of God were taken into heaven even before Jesus Christ came into the world to do the work of redemption. According to Hebrews 9:15, the death of Jesus was for "the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament..." And at the same time, Jesus died for His children who were not even born. For they were all His by covenant, and praise be to God, one day they will all be with Him in glory. Holy and Reverend is His name! Amen!

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