

GOD MAKES UNCONDITIONAL COVENANTS CONCERNING HUMANITY

Before creation God saw that Adam would sin and a covenant was established within the Trinity that Jesus would become human and die as the Messiah to deliver believers from the law of sin and death. The covenant of deliverance through Messiah is an unconditional covenant involving heaven and earth. Titus 1:1-3

In the Garden of Eden God declared a covenant of works in which Adam was promised life if he remained obedient and death if he disobeyed. Adam did one act of disobedience and fell under the rule of the law of sin and death. Creation also fell under this law because of Adam's sin. The covenant of works given to Adam was unconditional yet a remedy for Adam's disobedience was planned before Adam was ever created. Genesis 2:17 Romans 5:12-19 Romans 8:1-3

God also proclaimed the covenant of grace in Genesis 3:15 whereby it was promised that the Messiah would defeat Satan, thus sin and death. For all believers who have faith in God's provision through the Messiah, personal restoration through new creation overcomes the rule of the law of sin and death. The covenant of grace offered to fallen humanity is unconditional in that there are no conditions placed upon God for giving grace. There is however one condition placed upon accountable people for receiving grace. A person must respond correctly to conviction from the Holy Spirit and allow the Spirit to bring that person to saving faith. Becoming a new creation in Christ is the only way to experience the grace of God. John 3:7,15 2 Corinthians 5:17

There is only one basis for salvation since Adam. The death and resurrection of Christ is that basis. The requirement for salvation since Adam is faith in God's promise of Messiah. There is a progressive revelation concerning God's promise since Adam. Adam believed God for His promise of a Messiah through the seed of woman. Abraham believed God for His promise of Messiah in that God would provide Himself as the Lamb. Today we see the record of Jesus who died in such a way that sin is condemned and sentenced to removal from creation. We see the record of Jesus who arose and gives eternal life to those who believe in Him. The object of our faith is Jesus. Jesus is God. Faith is in the promise of redemption through the Messiah. God also promises that for the "new creation" in Christ, He will complete the work He began in us. This means that all new creations in Christ will do righteous actions initiated by and accomplished through the Spirit. Philippians 1:6