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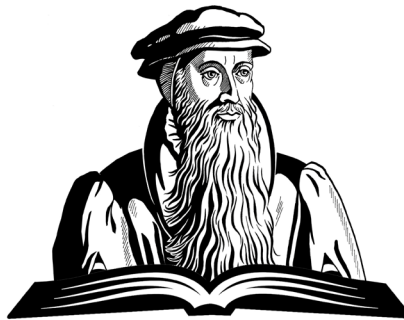
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The Covenant of Grace

Memorization

Question 20: *Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin in misery?*

Answer: *God have, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.*

Lecture Structure

1. Introduction: the way of salvation.
2. God's gracious election.
3. God's gracious covenant.
4. The relationship between God's election and the covenant.
5. Conclusion.

Literal Study

1. Define the following terms as they are used in this lecture:

a) Salvation _____

b) Redeemer _____

c) Elected _____

6. Paraphrase the answer to Question #20, or put it into your own words.

Lecture Checkup

1. What does the word “predestinated” mean? How is this word used in relation to election?

2. Why does God choose some people? Does he choose them because of something in them?

3. Does God choose some because they believe in Jesus? Or is it the result of God’s election?

4. What does God do for his chosen ones?

5. What are the differences between the covenant of works and the covenant of grace?

6. Please give some examples of where we find the covenant of grace in the Bible?

7. How do we see the covenant of grace unfolding throughout the Bible?

8. What does the *Catechism* mean when it says that the elect are “brought into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer? Who is the Redeemer?

9. It is all the same covenant, but how was the covenant of grace different in the Old Testament times than it is in the New Testament times?

10. What is the relationship between God’s election and the covenant of grace? What is the difference between the two?

Further Studies

1. Was the covenant of redemption made with Christ the same as the covenant of grace?

2. What are the promises and the conditions of the covenant of grace?

3. Think about the covenant which God made with the children of Israel of the Old Testament. Was it a covenant of works? or the covenant of grace?

Practical Application

1. Do you see the need we have for God’s gift of faith in Jesus Christ? Are you one who is satisfied with just hearing about the covenant of grace and the privileges? Plead with God to give you faith that you would trust the Savior who is held forth to you.

2. Meditate on the great privileges you have in the covenant of grace. Meditate on his promise and his calling to you.

Project Ideas

Study the topic of the covenant of grace. How does the dispensation of the covenant of grace under the gospel differ from the dispensation of it under the law? Try to write a short article with Bible texts to support your findings.
