

Central Uniting Theme of the Bible

"The whole Bible is bound together around this single theme: 'I will be your God and you will be my people.' The same way of salvation is found throughout the Bible; we trust the promises of God and are saved. I lay most stress on the singleness and unity of the people of God running right through the Bible. We are the people of God. Early believers should never have allowed the people of Antioch to get away with nicknaming them Christians. Our proper name is Israel."

Long Form of the Covenant of Grace

"I will be your God and you will be my people, so that the whole world will know that I am the Sovereign Lord." Tracing
The Covenant
of Grace
through the
Bible

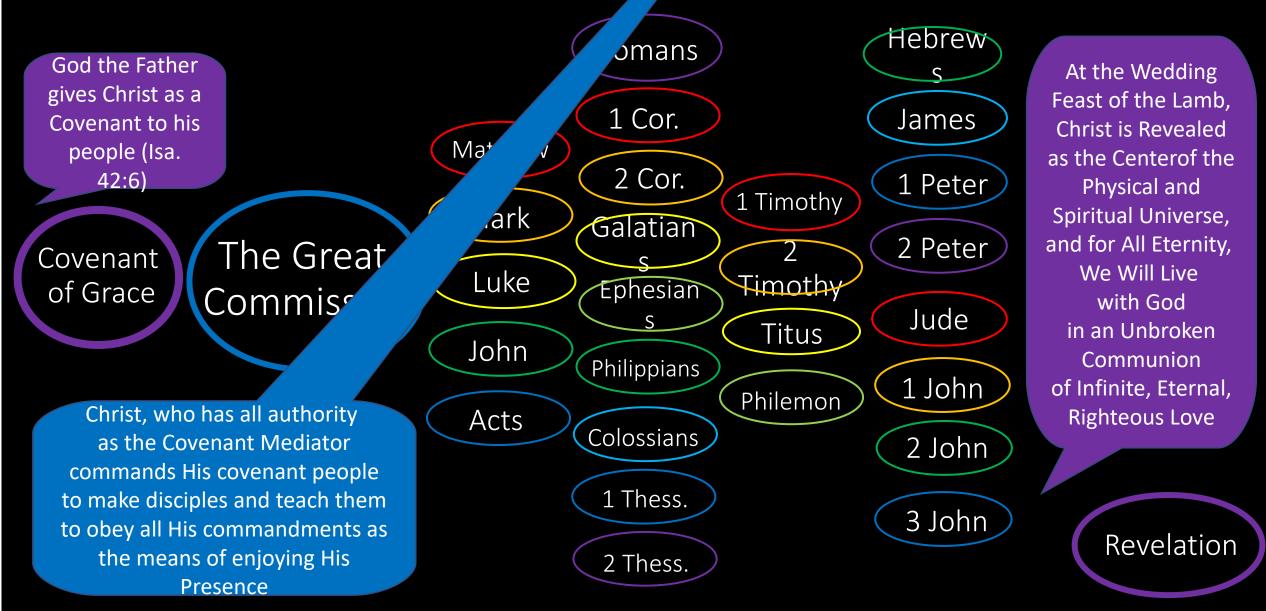
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Covenant of Grace The Great Commission

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Each Book of New Testament Fills Up the Meaning of the Great Commission to Live in Union and Communion with God to Fulfill the Covenant of Grace

Matthew, Christ as King to Obey

Mark, Son of Man to Serve

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The Great Commission

Luke, Son of God to Worship

John, Life in a Communion of Trinitarian Love

Acts, Spirit
Outpoured for
the Life and
Growth of the
Church

Romans, living upon Christ for communion with God and the church

1 Corinthians, living for God's glory and other's good

2 Corinthians, comforts and power of the Gospel

Galatians, living upon Christ solves practical legalism and division

Ephesians, the church's communion and ministry to join Christ and the soul

Philippians, joyful, gospel selfdenial and the care of Christ's church Colossians, the death of self, the life of Christ in the church

1 Thess., turning from idols to serve the true and living God

2 Thess., affirmations for obeying the gospel, warnings of falling away

1 Timothy, faithful pastoral successors and fruitful churches

2 Timothy, keeping Spirit and word together to persevere

Titus, the role of elders and effectual churches

Philemon, reconciliation by and for the love of Christ

Hebrews, Christ the mediator of a better covenant between God and sinners

James, the role of trials, faith, good works, and perseverance

1 Peter,
exhortation for
persecuted
Christians to stand
fast in God's Grace

2 Peter, how believers make their calling and election sure, and warnings against false teaching 1 John, characteristics of life in communion with God for the assurance of love and the fullness of joy

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Revelation, Christ revealed as the Center of the physical and spiritual universe, and the church lives with God in an unbroken communion of Infinite, Eternal, Righteous Love

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In Romans 1:1-5

promised beforehand

concerning his Son

descended from David

according to the Spirit

for the obedience of faith

for the honor of God's name among all nations

Learning to Live by Faith for the Power of God in the Gospel of Christ to Fulfill the Covenant of Grace

Romans 1:16–17 16For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." (NKJV)

(Manner of Life in the Covenant of Grace Contrasted with the Covenant of Works)

Continuums (Walk, Path, or Manner of Life) in Romans 3:19-8:13

Manner of Life Increasingly Poisoned by Legality.....Manner of Life Increasingly Made Holy by Grace

Living upon Self and the Merits of Self-Righteousness and out of Communion with God as if still under the Covenant of Works Living upon Christ and the Merits of His Righteousness for the Obedience of Faith and Life in Communion with God and the Church to Fulfill the Covenant of Grace

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Under Law (Covenant of Works)	Under Grace (Covenant of Grace)
Works-Righteousness (Legal-Obedience)	Obedience of Faith (Gospel-Obedience)
Condemnation	Justification
Enmity	Reconciliation
Under the Dominion of Sin	Free from the Dominion of Sin
In Bondage to Remaining Sin	Living Upon Christ to Put Remaining Sin to Death
In the Flesh	In the Spirit
Death (Alienated from Life in God and with God)	Life (In Communion with God)

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Increasingly turned in upon self by the absence of the Spirit and Christ's power in the gospel to live for selfish ambition and self-interest:

Increasingly turned outside of self by the presence of the Spirit and the power of Christ in the gospel to live for God's glory and other's good:

Cool · Unforgiving · Disaffected · Inattentive · Distant
Mercenary · Envious · Indifferent · Unkind · Cold ·
Unyielding Graceless · Hard-Hearted · Hateful · Bitter ·
Merciless Antagonistic · Malicious · Punitive · Vindictive ·
Stirs Up Strife At Enmity (Must destroy the people hated)

Warm · Forgiving · Endearing · Attentive · Close Free · Generous · Caring · Kind · Devoted · Yielding Gracious · Compassionate · Loving · Joyful · Merciful Sympathetic · Good · Charitable · Benevolent · Peacemaker Reconciling (Must do good to people loved)

Spreads Enmity and Alienation (Must enlist others to live with enmity against God, destroy people hated, rid the world of Christ and a people who live in a communion of love, and fulfill the covenant of works.)

Spreads Reconciliation and Communion of Love in God (Makes disciples, teaching them to live upon Christ for the obedience of faith and life in a communion of love with God and the church to fulfill the Covenant of Grace.)

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Applying Romans 3:19-8:13

From Romans 6:1-14 and 7:1-6, how is a believer freed from the dominion of sin? What role does our freedom from the dominion of sin have in turning us from legality to live by grace through faith?

How does the vivification of life and the mortification of sin in Romans 8:10-13 turn us from legality, life in the flesh, and death or alienation from life in communion with God?

Bonus Question: What contribution do the main sections of Romans make in turning from a manner of life increasingly poisoned by legality to a manner of life increasingly made holy by grace: 3:19-20, 3:21-26, 4:16-25, 5:1-11, 5:12-21, 6:1-14, 6:15-23, 7:1-6; 7:7-11, 7:12-25, 8:1-4, 8:5-9, 8:10-13?

