

Lesson 34 Learning Goals:

- (1) Review the Covenant of Grace and the Contribution that Each Book of the New Covenant Makes.
- (2) Learn the Contribution that Romans Makes to the Covenant of Grace Contrasted with the covenant of works.
- (3) Learn to Discover Yourself Along the Path of Life in Romans 3:19-8:13.

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.”

(Alec Motyer, interview with Geoff Thomas on Banner of Truth Website, May 9, 2000)

Long Form of the Covenant of Grace

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Tracing
The Covenant
of Grace
through the
Bible

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

Covenant of Grace

The diagram consists of three overlapping ovals arranged horizontally. The leftmost oval is purple and contains the text 'Covenant of Grace'. The middle oval is blue and contains the text 'The Great Commission'. The rightmost oval is green and is significantly larger than the other two, containing the text 'The New Testament'. The ovals overlap, with the green oval overlapping the blue one, and the blue one overlapping the purple one.

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God the Father gives Christ as a Covenant to his people (Isa. 42:6)

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The Great Commission

Christ, who has all authority as the Covenant Mediator commands His covenant people to make disciples and teach them to obey all His commandments as the means of enjoying His Presence

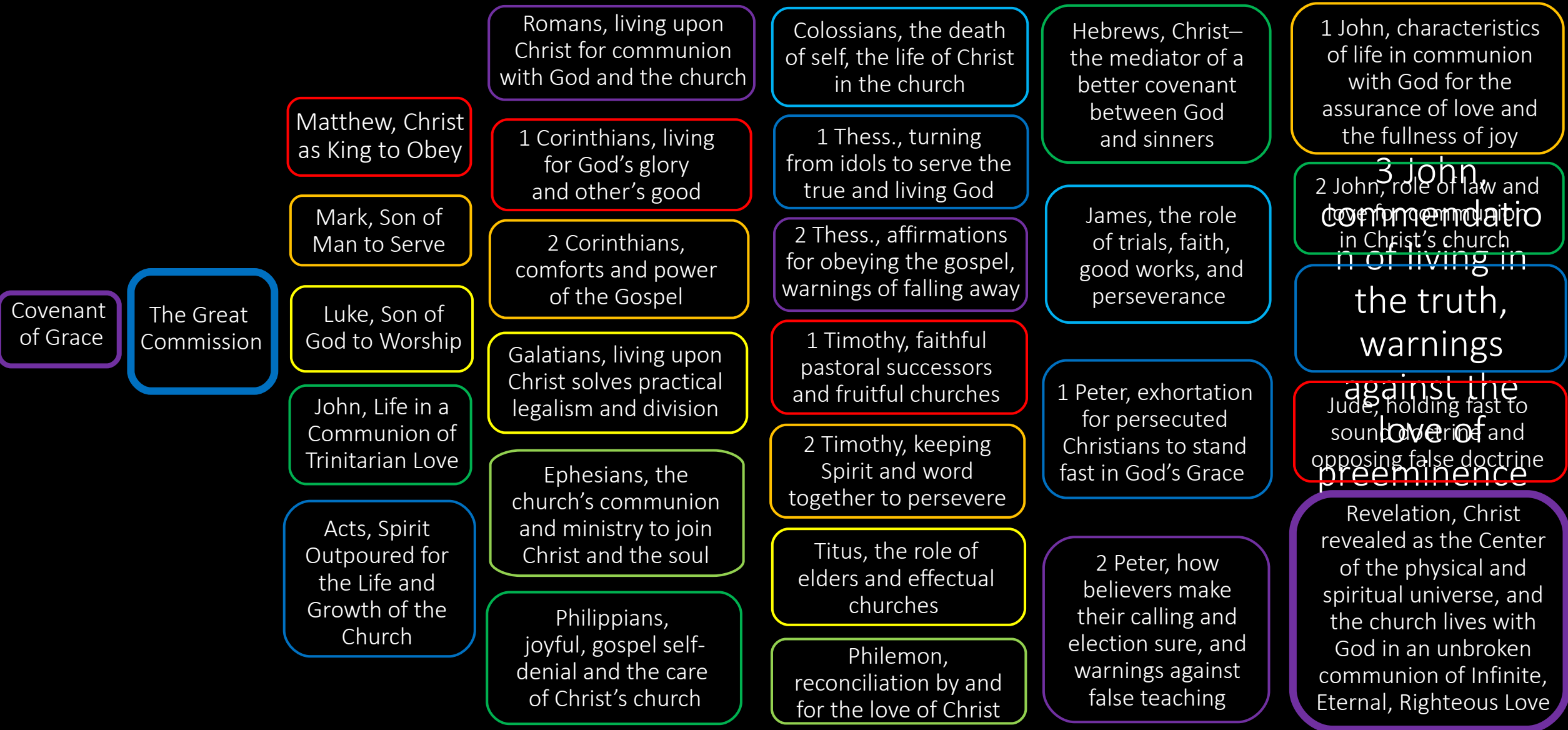
- Romans
- 1 Cor.
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- Titus
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- Jude
- 1 John
- 2 John
- 3 John

At the Wedding Feast of the Lamb, Christ is Revealed as the Center of the Physical and Spiritual Universe, and for All Eternity, We Will Live with God in an Unbroken Communion of Infinite, Eternal, Righteous Love

Revelation

"I will be your God and you will be My people so that the whole world will know that I am the Sovereign Lord."

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



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Long Form of the Covenant of Grace In Romans 1:1-5

gospel of God

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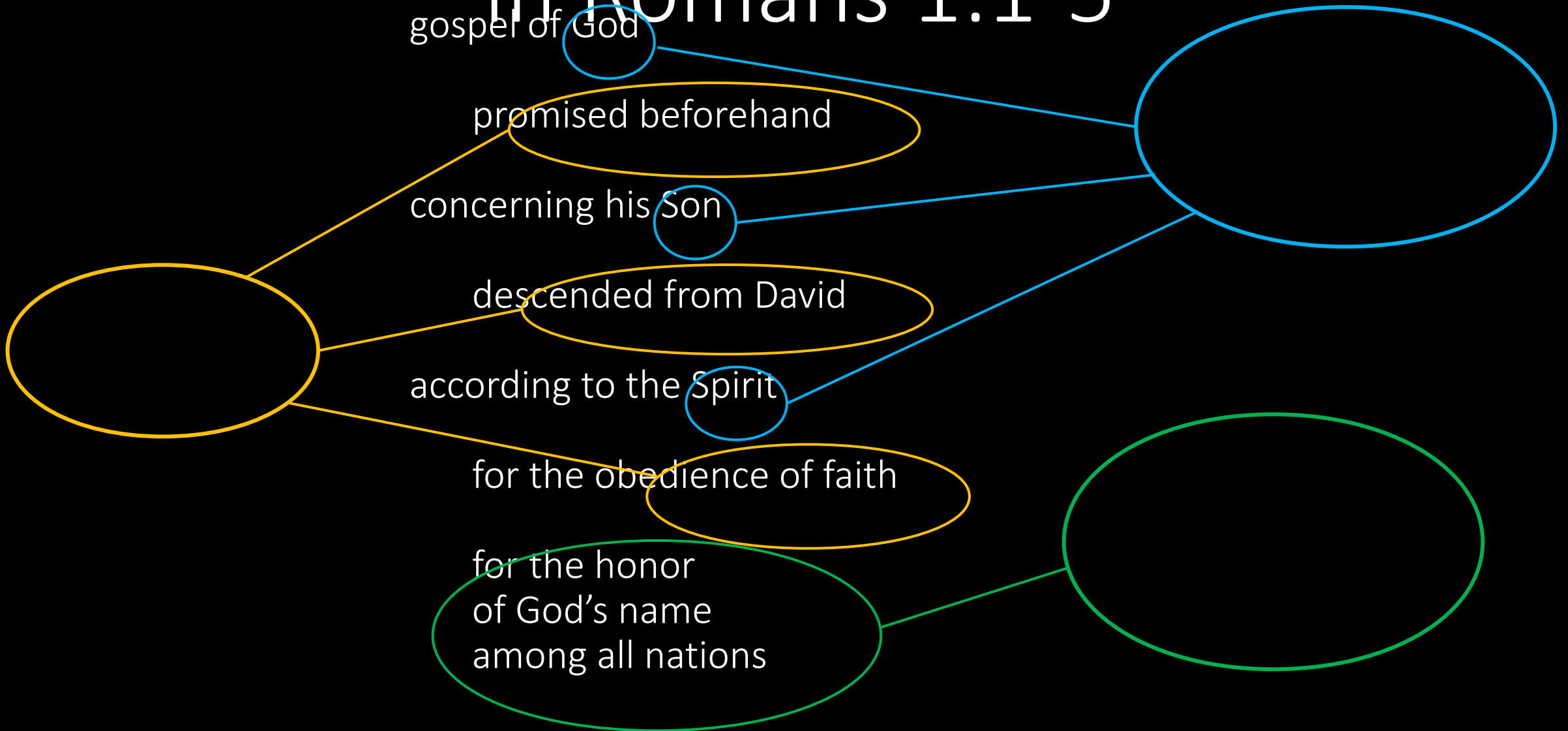
concerning his Son

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 Fill Up the Meaning of the Great
Commission

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)

Applying Romans 3:19-8:13 Pastorally

(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

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At Enmity.....Reconciling

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Malicious.....Good

Antagonistic.....Sympathetic

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Bitter.....Joyful

Hateful.....Loving

Hard-hearted.....Compassionate

Graceless.....Gracious

Unyielding.....Yielding

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Romans 8:1–13

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. 10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. (NKJV)

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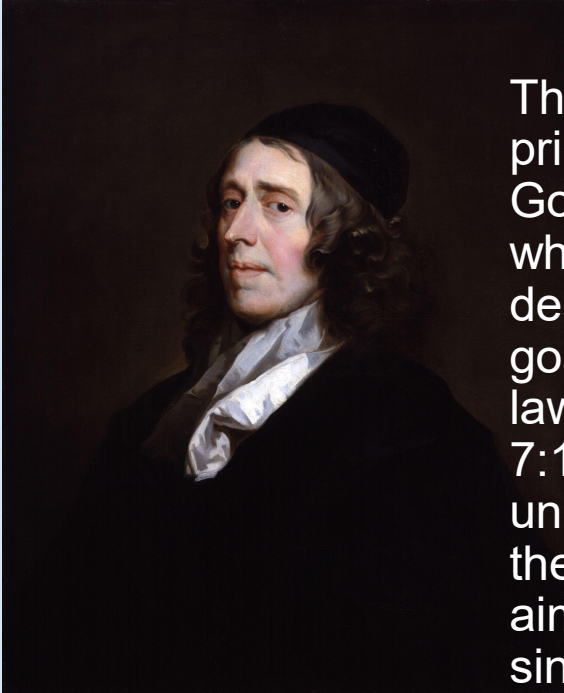
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The fleshly mind has special ends and designs against our souls, and against the principle of grace that is in us; but its proper formal object is God: it is “enmity against God.” It is its work to oppose grace; it is a consequent of its work to oppose our souls, which follows upon what it does more than what it intends; but its nature and formal design is to oppose God— God as the lawgiver, God as holy, God as the author of the gospel, a way of salvation by grace, and not by works—this is the direct object of the law of sin. Why does it oppose duty, so that the good we would do we do not [Rom. 7:19], either as to matter or manner? Why does it render the soul carnal, indisposed, unbelieving, unspiritual, weary, wandering? It is because of its enmity to God, whom the soul aims to have communion with in duty. ...where communion with God is not aimed at, but only the duty itself... the opposition that will lie against it from the law of sin will be very weak (John Owen, *The Nature, Power, Deceit and Prevalence of Indwelling Sin*, 6:178-179; Justin Taylor, ed., *Overcoming Sin and Temptation*, p. 259).

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Stirs Up Strife · At Enmity (Must destroy the people hated)

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.)

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3. 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?