

5. God's Covenant

Canons 2:8, e2, e4, e5

God's Unconditional Covenant

What is God's covenant?

A relationship of friendship between God and His people in Christ.

Jehovah is their God and they are His people.

Prove that the covenant is a relationship of friendship with God.

God reveals His secret to those in His covenant [Ps. 25:14].

Those in the covenant have God's law in their heart & know Him [Jer. 31:33-34].

Earthly relationship patterned after this covenant relationship?

The husband/wife relationship [Ezek. 16:8]

Do we have a part in the covenant? If so, what is it?

Yes, our part is to cleave to God, trust in Him and love Him, forsake the world, crucify our old nature, and walk in a new and holy life [Baptism Form].

What does it mean that the covenant is unconditional?

No activity we perform is the basis for why God established His covenant with us.

No activity we continue to perform is the basis for why God continues to maintain His covenant with us.

What does it mean that faith is a gift, not a condition?

God breathes faith into us.

He produces in us both the will and act of believing [Canons 3&4:14; Phil. 2:13].

Faith is part of the gift of salvation that Christ purchased for us [Canons 2:8].

What does it mean that Christ is the Head of the covenant?

The covenant promise is to Christ who is the Head of His people [Gal. 3:16,29].

Even when we disobey, God does not break His covenant.

[Psalm 89:30-34]

The making of a covenant involves swearing an oath

[Dt. 29:12-14; 8:18; Ps. 105:9; Gen 21:22-32; Ezekiel 16:8]

If the covenant is made only with Christ and those in Him, what does this mean about the children of believers.

Only those chosen to be in Christ are really in the covenant.

Are the reprobate children of believers ever in the covenant?

No, they are only in the sphere of the covenant [Rom. 9:6-8].