

Scripture: Ps. 45

CoF 34 (5)

Singing: 115:1-4 – 425:1, 3, 4 – 123:1-3 – 422:1-2

Intro: The glory of God is that He is a *covenanting God*

A. His covenant plan of redemption unifies all Scripture (Heb. 1:1-3)

B. His covenant dealings was/is always 'generational' (Gen. 17:7; Acts 2:39)

C. His sacraments are His means of communicating His message of grace (Art 33)

D. Sign/Seal of Holy Baptism has multiple functions

1. The covenant token of His *special relationship* with us: Gen. 17:11 Ps. 95:7; Ezek. 16:20; Mark 10:14; Acts 2:39; Rom. 11:28-29

2. The sacramental token of the message of His Gospel of Grace

a. to help us believe His Gospel **invitation**

b. to strengthen believers in His Gospel **declaration**

E. Ps. 45:10-11: *God's call to give your hearts consent to His Son Jesus Christ*

1. Named: *the consent of faith* or *entering into the covenant with the LORD*

2. This call is found all over Scripture: Ps. 2:12; 45:11; 50:5; Is. 44:5; Rev. 3:20

Your Covenanting with God in His Covenant of Grace (1)

I. The LORD's part in your covenanting II. Your part in the covenanting

I. The LORD's part in your covenanting with Him

A. His part in your covenanting is His coming to us miserable lost sinners

1. He is always first (Gen. 3:15; 24)

2. He sends out His ambassadors to seek and call (Is. 65:1-3)

a. meditate on His calling: Is. 45:22; 2 Cor. 5:20; Rev. 3:18; Ezek. 33:11

b. meditate on His rebuke: John 5:40, Luke 14:23

c. meditate on His reassurance: Hos 11:9; Is. 55:3, 6-7

3. He promises Himself to be all that we require and need (Hosea 14)

B. Yet the LORD's part is **far more** than *offering Himself*: He wins your heart!

1. He makes you willing: Ps. 45:5; 110:3

2. He also makes you able: John 6:45

3. He enables you to answer His call: Is. 44:4-5

Reflect: *Any answer of faith, no matter how small, is covenanting with Jesus*

Of the Covenant of Grace

From Hellenbroek's *A Specimen of Divine Truths*

1. Is there another covenant made instead of the Covenant of Works?
Yes, the covenant of grace.
2. When was that covenant revealed?
Immediately after the fall.
3. What is the covenant of grace?
The covenant of grace is the way by which God through Christ becomes the property of the sinner and by which he in turn becomes the property of God.
4. With whom is the covenant of grace established?
With the elect only
5. What does God require in this covenant?
That which God requires in it is also a promise of the covenant, namely, faith in Jesus Christ.
6. What does God promise in the covenant of Grace?
Grace here and life eternal hereafter.
7. Is this covenant essentially the same in all ages?
Yes
8. Did the believers under the Old Testament also partake of the all the essential benefits of the Covenant of Grace?
Yes. (Heb. 13:8)
9. How does the sinner enter this covenant?
God first comes to him when He kindly and beseechingly invites him, with much earnestness and uprightness, and solves all his difficulties.
10. What is the result of such an invitation?
To be drawn with love
11. What does the called sinner do from his side?
He accepts the Lord as his God and surrenders himself to God
12. What are the characteristics of this consent?
The sinner does it calmly, willingly, humbly, faithfully, uprightly, with a full assenting of the demands as well as the promises of the covenant.
13. What are the consequences of this consenting?
God remembers His covenant forever. And the covenant people have the right to require everything necessary unto life and eternal salvation.