



# CHRIST

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## Our Covenant Helper

Hebrews 2:17-18

‘Study to show thyself approved unto God...’ – 2 Timothy 2:15  
The importance of reading and learning God’s word is a vital part of both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

This truth is one of the purposes why we wish to offer you these sermon notes which are to be used while listening to the sermon.

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## INTRODUCTION

Today we will be considering the Covenant of Grace and Christ's temptation as a man.

## HOW THEN ARE WE GOING TO CONSIDER THIS TEXT?

Two Main Headings: (1) Christ's Obligation to become a man v.17  
(2) Christ as a man tempted v.18

## I. CHRIST'S OBLIGATION TO BECOME a MAN

**Strong's G3784 "it behooved him"** ὀφείλω *opheilō* (figuratively, to be under obligation, morally, not to fail in duty:—behooved, or to be bound)

- What possibly could **obligate** him who is creator and sustainer of all that exists?

**WEBSTER 1828** "A mutual consent or agreement of two or more persons, to do or to forbear some act or thing; a contract;"

### **Biblical Support for COG proposition:**

- FIRST CATEGORY: God's eternal decree of election:  
**Eph.1:3-5** "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,"  
**Rev.17:8** "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is."  
**Rom.8:29-30** "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he

might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

➤ SECOND CATEGORY: The eternal agreement/covenant between the Father and the Son for the redemption of the elect.  
**JOHN 17:1-10,24**

➤ THIRD CATEGORY: The condition of the covenantal agreement fully performed by Jesus Christ Isa.53 (<http://tsk-online.com/>)

1. **When was the COG made/established?**

2. **Who were the two parties to the COG?**

3. **What is the objective of the COG?**

4. **What is the importance of the COG?**

## **II. CHRIST as MAN TEMPTED**

**Heb.4:15-16**“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

➤ “the power of Jesus’ sympathy lies not in the mere capacity to experience emotional feelings as a man like you and I...rather his sympathy lies in the lessons of his own human experience. Sympathy with the sinner in their trial does not depend on the experience of sin but on the experience of knowing and confronting the full strength of the temptation to sin – which only the sinless can know in its full INTENSITY!”

Our High Priest, our Christ...understands and is there to listen and wait out the temptation with you.

Christ would have you think upon these texts in your moments of temptation: **PSALM 23:2-6; Matt.5:10-12**

IT WOULD BE BETTER TO BE FOUND IN A STATE OF UTTER WEARINESS AND LOOMING RESISTANCE IN OBEDIENCE THAN IN YEILDING TO TEMPTATION AND DEFEAT!

**Verses fitted for those who have backslidden:**

**Jer.3:1** “...thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the LORD.”

**Isa.43:25** “I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.”

**Isa. 49:15** “Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.”

**APPLICATION:**

Why are these words in v.18 so important related to Christ, His temptation and Covenant Love for His church?

If Christ were not merciful, sinners could have no confidence in coming to God.

If Christ were not faithful, believers would not have a continued boldness to come before God.