

INTRODUCTION: THE DIVINE COVENANTS

A. SOVEREIGN RELATIONSHIP: TERMS DECREED (Gen.1:26f; 2:15f; Ex.6:7; Lk.22:20)

B. LIFE OR DEATH OUTCOMES: INVIOLENT RELATIONSHIP (Gen.2:17; 15:7f (Jer.34:18); Lk.22:20)

C. CONTINUITY IN PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT (Ex.2:24; 6:5; Ps.105:8; 106:45; Jer.33:25f; see Lk.3:23-38; Mt.1:1-17; Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David)

D. FULFILLMENT OF ALL IN CHRIST (Gen.5:29; see 2Cor.1:20; Lk.22:20; see Hebrews)

E. CHRISTMAS & COVENANTS: JESUS CAME TO FULFILL GOD'S COVENANT/S (see Lk.22:20; 2Cor.1:20)

F. CHRIST, THE SECOND ADAM (see 12/16/12 sermon; Gen.1:26f; 2:7f; 3:15f; Rom.5:12f)

G. JESUS, THE TRUE NOAH (Gen.5:29; Lk.1:32f,69f; Mt.11:28f)

I. GOD'S COVENANT WITH NOAH (Gen.6:18f,9:9f; see chps.5-10)

A. COVENANTAL CONTINUITY (5:29; 3:17,15f,24)

1. *covenant of creation* (1:24f,26f)

a. creatures (6:20; 7:14; 9:8f; see 1:20f)

b. commission (8:17; 9:1,7; see 1:22,28)

c. curse on creatures (Gen.9:2; see 3:17; Rom.8:20f)

d. covenant sign (9:12f,17; see 2:9,16f)

2. *covenant of redemption* (3:15f)

a. the seed of the serpent (6:2,1-7; 11-13; see 3:15; Jn.8:44)

b. the seed of the woman (6:2,8/9; see Jn.1:12; 1Jn.3:10)

3. *summary: new creation; second Adam* (9:1f; 1:28f; see 5:1f&29f; see Lk.3:23-38; Mt.1:1-17)

B. SOVEREIGN RELATIONSHIP

1. *I will & you will* (6:18)

2. *favor/righteous* (6:8/9,22; 7:5; see 19:19; Lk1:30 /Heb11:7; 1Jn4:19; Dt7:7f; Gen18:19 /Eph2:5f,10; Ex20:1f)

C. LIFE/DEATH OUTCOMES (6:18f/3f,17; see 19:14)

D. HOPE DISAPPOINTED (see 5:29)

1. *confession of sin* (8:20; 9:3; see Heb.9:22; see Ezk.14:14,20)

2. *perpetration of sin* (9:20f; see Gal.5:21f; Eph.5:18)

II. JESUS FULFILLS GOD'S COVENANT WITH NOAH (Gen.5:29; Lk.1:32f,69f; Mt.11:28f)

A. HOPE FULFILLED (Gen.5:29; 3:15; see Mt.1:1f,21f; Lk.1:32f; 67f,79; 2:11f,14; 25f,30,38; 3:23f; Jn.4:25; 11:27)

B. THIS ONE WILL GIVE US REST (Gen5:29(2:2); Ex.20:1,8f; 33:14; 2S7:11(Lk.1:71); 1Chr22:29; Is28:12; Mt11:28)

C. NEW CREATION (Gen.8:17f; 2C5:17 /Is65:17; Hos2:18; Gal6:15; Eph4:24 /Rm8:18f; 2Pt3:13; Rev21:1f; 22:1f)

E. NEW HUMANITY (Gen.9:1f; 1:22,28; see Mt.28:18f; 14:30f (Gen.6:2f,18f))

F. COVENANT SIGN (Ezk.1:28; Rev.4:3; 10:1)

III. MERRY CHRISTMAS! JESUS CAME TO FULFILL GOD'S COVENANT WITH NOAH!

A. INSTRUCTION FOR FAITH

1. *salvation is particular: Noah* (6:8; see Jn.10:3; see Is.40:26 w/Gen.15:5)

2. *salvation is extensive: ... & his household* (7:1,7,13,23; 8:16,18; 9:9,12 /17:7f; Acts 2:39; 16:15,31; Ex.34:7)

3. *salvation is universal: ... & all creation* (6:18f; Rm1:18f; 8:18f; (10:18=Ps.19:4); Rev21:1f; 22:1f /"Noahic laws")

4. *Mayans & mockery: warning of a singular judgment* (Gen.8:20-22; 9:11f; Heb.11:7; yet Lk.17:26f,29; 2Pt.3:6f)

5. *the sanctity of life: animal* (9:3,4; Rom.8:19f; see Acts 15:20,29 yet Rom.14:14; 1Cor.10:25)

6. *the sanctify of life: human* (9:5,6; 1:26f; 5:1f; see Ex.21:12f; Mt.26:52; Dt.17:6f; Acts 25:11; Rom.13:1f)

7. *man and all creation is preserved in order to be saved* (6:17f; see 12:3; Jn.4:22; see Gen.5:29; Mt.11:28)

8. *the comfort of sound theology* (Gen.5-10; see Jn.8:31,36; Mt.15:9; Col.2:20f; see cartoon in bulletin)

B. INSTRUCTION FOR LIFE

1. *find rest for your soul in Christ* (Gen.5:29; Mt.11:28; see Gen.6:18; Mt.14:30; 1Pt.3:20; see Heb.4:3f,11)

2. *wait patiently for perfect rest* (Gen.9:18f; Heb.4:9f; Rom.8:23f,18f; Rev.14:13; see Ex.20:8f)

3. *you and your household with you* (Gen.6:18f; 19:14; see Acts 16:14,31; Eph.6:4; 2Tm.1:5; 3:14f)

Discussion question: *Brethren, what shall we do?* (see Acts 2:37f)

Recommended reading: *The Christ of the Covenants* by O. Palmer Robertson (P&R, 1980)