

Introduction

- I. Why we are considering God's covenant when LD 24 is a defense of justification by faith alone? I
- II. This shows the importance of considering the relationship between the covenant and good works.

The Place of Good Works in God's Covenant

I. *An Unconditional Covenant*

A. The terminology of unconditional covenant teaches us that our works are not the basis of God's covenant with us.

1. Covenant:
2. This covenant is ***unconditional***.
3. The positive truth we must see here is that God's covenant is a covenant of ***grace***.

B. The source of the Federal Vision's erroneous teaching on justification is a conditional covenant.

II. *Fruits of the Covenant*

A. Good works are the fruits of the covenant in our lives for we are the friends and servants of God.

B. It is necessary that we be clear on this relationship of salvation and good works – understand what it means that good works are necessary in the covenant.

III. *Our Identity*

A. It is absolutely impossible that we, as Christians, would have a careless attitude toward living a godly life. Q. 64

B. What this means is that we must live what we are.