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The effect of every law has been to drive us to God to find a solution for our sin and the promise of eternal life.

Jesus alone meets all of the conditions of the Eternal Covenant fully revealed to us in the Covenant of Grace.

The Covenant of Grace is God's pledge to forgive and save all who come to Jesus in faith, that is, who come believing He is the perfect Sacrifice for sin and the source of eternal life.

SUMMARY

It is plain from the Scriptures that there is a covenant agreement between the Trinity regarding the salvation of sinners:

It was **God the Father** who eternally gave a chosen people to His Son, and sent Him into the world to save them (Jhn 6:37-40)

It was **God the Son** who lived a perfect life on their behalf, and died in their place (John 10:11,14-15; Rom 4:24-25)

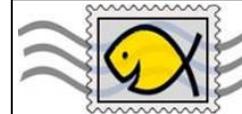
It is **God the Holy Spirit** who brings them into the enjoyment and benefit of what Christ has obtained for them (1 Cor 2:1-5; 1 Thes 1:5-10)

The Covenant:revealed in an old way (**Old Testament Law**)

The promises, prophecies, sacrifices, types and ordinances of the Old Testament all pointed forward to the Lord Jesus Christ, and spoke of salvation obtained by God's doing, not ours (Lk 24:27,45-46; Rom 1:1-3; 3:20-22; 16:25-27)

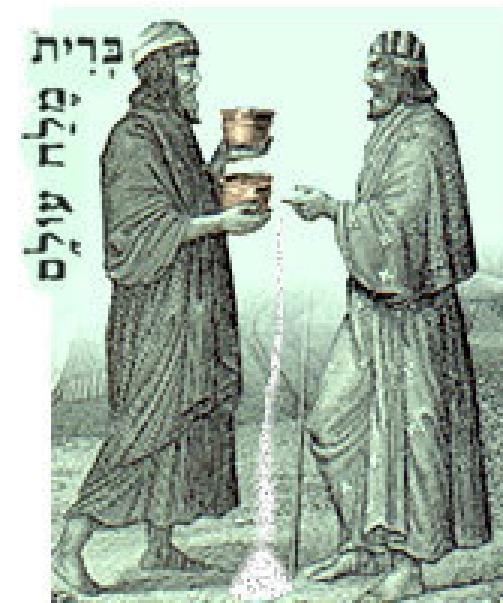
The Covenant: revealed, in a new way (**New Testament Gospel**)
by: preaching (2 Cor 3:6; 4:5); baptism (Col 2:12-14); and the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11:23-26) which point to fulfilment in Christ.

WRITE OUT TODAY'S MEMORY VERSE (JER 31:33)



**THIS, THE SCRIPTURES
TEACH AND THIS WE
BELIEVE ABOUT...**

GOD'S COVENANT WITH MAN



THE UNIFYING PRINCIPLE OF GOD'S WORD

GOD'S COVENANT WITH MAN

Hebrews 7:11-28

☞ COVENANT - WHAT IS IT?

- God is God, Immortal, and we are His creatures, mortal
 - We can never claim anything from God as a right.
- Yet...
- God undertakes to give certain things upon certain conditions
 - He chooses the gifts, He decides the terms

Therefore,

A Covenant from God is not an agreement between two parties. It is God, bringing Himself to graciously do certain things for undeserving creatures, upon whom He lays certain obligations.

Once we grasp the Bible's teaching about the covenant the whole of the Bible begins to make sense – it is 'the unifying principle of Scripture'.

☞ THE ETERNAL COVENANT

Read: John 6:39; 17:9, 24; Heb 13:20; Rev 13:8; 14:6

1. What arrangement existed in eternity between God the Father and Jesus the Son?

Therefore,

We can say that the redemption of Mankind and the gift of Eternal Life through the gospel was not plan B but plan A. From eternity It was God's plan/decree that all that belong to Him should be transformed by death into the image of His Son, who alone has immortality (1 Tim 6:16; 2 Tim 1:10).

☞ THE COVENANT OF LIFE

In time, God would begin to reveal His Eternal Covenant through Covenants made with humanity. The first of these Covenants was the Covenant of 'Works', or 'Life'. In a nutshell...

- Adam, the man of dust, has conditional life (Gen 2:17)
 - Perfect obedience is the requirement of the Covenant
 - Adam, as our representative, failed to keep the Covenant.
2. Has perfect obedience been removed as a condition of life?
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Therefore,

The Covenant of Life is still operative, but since the fall, humanity can no longer fulfil it. If man is to have eternal life, it must be by some other way.

☞ THE COVENANT OF GRACE

As the Eternal Covenant continues to unfold, man becomes increasing aware of the need for that "some other way" (Gen 4:26)

- It is spoken to Adam & Eve (Gen 3:15)
 - It is continued in Noah and his sons (Gen 9:1-7)
 - It is promised to Abraham and his seed (Gen 15)
 - It is foreshadowed through law and sacrifice at Sinai (Ex 2, 19)
 - It is prophesied to David & through Jeremiah (2 Sam 7; Jer 31)
 - It is fulfilled through the obedience of Jesus Christ (Heb 10:7)
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