

JUNIOR INQUIRERS CLASS

For Review with Parents during the Week:

1. Read *Westminster Shorter Catechism* 12:
 - a. Which covenant is this question talking about?
 - b. What does it require of man?
 - c. What does it offer for keeping the covenant?
2. Read *Westminster Shorter Catechism* 13-15:
 - a. Did Adam keep the Covenant of Works?
 - b. How did they break it?
 - c. What is sin?
3. Read *Westminster Shorter Catechism* 16:
 - a. Who did Adam's sin affect?
 - b. Is this fair?
4. Read *Westminster Shorter Catechism* 20-21:
 - a. Are we still under the Covenant of Works?
 - b. What covenant are we under?
 - c. Who gives us salvation?
 - d. What did Jesus do to save us?

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Series: Junior Inquirers Class: Week #3

Title: Covenant Theology

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Review

B. A covenant is an agreement or contract between two people with terms and consequences.

1. Terms - something needs to be done

2. Consequences - reward or punishment for keeping or breaking the covenant

II. THE COVENANT OF WORKS

A. **Shorter Catechism 12** *What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate wherein he was created? A, When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.*

B. The participants in the Covenant of Works were God, Adam and all people.

C. The goal of the Covenant of Works was eternal life.

D. The terms of the Covenant of Works were perfect obedience (Genesis 2:17; James 2:10).

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- E. The consequences for breaking the Covenant of Works were physical and spiritual death for Adam and all his descendants (Genesis 2:17; Romans 5:19; Shorter Catechism 12, 16).

III. THE COVENANT OF GRACE

- A. **WSC 20** *Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery? A. God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life,(1) did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.*
- B. The participants in the Covenant of Grace are God, Jesus and all people who belong to Jesus.
- C. The goal of the Covenant of Grace is salvation.
- D. The terms of the Covenant of Grace are that we must believe in Jesus.
- E. Heaven is still the reward of the Covenant of Grace but it is earned by Jesus instead of us.

IV. CONCLUSION: WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT

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