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FCS1-4-21: Security of God's Grace - The Covenant



God has provided a way for any person that wants to be saved from wrath and inherit eternal life, to obtain it.

1 Peter 1:2-5 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. 3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Ephesians 1:13-14 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Covenant: (Greek 1242 – *Hebrews* 8:6) diatheke dee-ath-ay'-kay from 1303; properly, a disposition, i.e. (specially) a **contract** (especially a devisory will):--**covenant**, testament.

Covenant: (Merriam-Webster.com) a written agreement or promise usually under seal between two or more parties especially for the performance of some action.

This is a covenant between God and mankind (every person). God has already established His part of the covenant through His Son Jesus Christ. To keep the covenant, each individual person must establish their part also. The part of each person is to come to and stay within God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 8:6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Colossians 1:20-23 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven. 21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: 23 **If ye continue in the faith** grounded and settled, and **be not moved away from the hope** of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

Hebrews 10:23-31, 35-39 Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;) 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. 26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, 27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. 28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: 29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted **the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified**, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know



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him that hath said, Vengeance *belongeth* unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. 31 *It is* a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. 36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. 38 Now the just shall live by faith: but **if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.** 39 But we are not of them who **draw back unto perdition**; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

Perdition: (Greek 0684 – As used in Hebrews 10:37) apoleia ap-o'-li-a from a presumed derivative of 622; ruin or loss (physical, spiritual or eternal):--damnable(-nation), destruction, die, perdition, X perish, pernicious ways, waste.

1 Thessalonians 5:21-24 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. 22 **Abstain** from all appearance of evil. 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful *is* he that calleth you, who also will do *it*.

Romans 8:1-9 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For **to be carnally minded is death**; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now **if any man have not the Spirit of Christ**, he is none of his.

The scripture is clear that God will do (already has) His part of the covenant. It is now a matter of faith for each person. The promise is through faith in Christ. These are the two sides of the covenant of Grace.



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Question 1

As defined, which answer best described what a covenant is?

A covenant is an unofficial agreement between two parties that generally ask both side to agree in general over a certain matter or issue.

A covenant is an official contract between two or more parties that require a certain performance from each one of the parties.

A covenant is an agreement that requires only one side to perform their expected task while the other side takes their ease to do nothing to receive the benefit.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

Question 2

As described in 1 Peter 1:2-5, what is the lively hope given to all through the mercy of God?

An inheritance that is incorruptible.

A love that God gives His saints to share with others.

An unfading reward waiting in heaven.

A compassion that brings charity to those in need.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 3

As described in Ephesians 1:13-14, Jesus Christ promised that we have been sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.

True

False

True/False

Question 4

As described in Colossians 1:20-23, How does the reconciliation in the body of Jesus' flesh through death, present us?

Unreproveable.

Holy.

The hope of the Gospel.

Unblameable.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

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Question 5

As described in Hebrews 10:23-31, 35-39, the Lord will not judge his people because of His grace.

True

False

True/False

Question 6

As described in 1 Thessalonians 5:21-24, a Christian must:

Hold fast to that which is good.

Prove all things.

Follow a palm reader for wisdom.

Abstain from all appearance of evil.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 7

As described in Romans 8:1-9, as a Christian, we can be carnally minded and still receive all the benefits of God's grace.

True

False

True/False

Question 8

As described in Hebrews 10:35, what is meant by drawing back into perdition?

It means that a person is entertaining bad thoughts from their past.

It means to go back to church where confession is made.

The lose of God's favor (grace) and returning back to a sinful state.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)



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