

How Covenant Children Are Saved

Genesis 4:1-5

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Introduction: "Be fruitful and multiply" begins. But we already know that there will be two kinds of seed. What will make the difference between them?

1. Covenant children can turn out to be "of the evil one" (cf. 1Jn 3:12), even if they are well trained, and even if it does not appear at first.
2. Half-heartedness toward the Lord can be an early warning sign.
3. The "seed of the woman" do more excellently not because their performance is worthy of God, but because their faith connects them to Christ, who is worthy (Heb 11:4).
4. Whole-heartedness toward the Lord is a fruit of this faith.
5. How we respond when corrected by God can expose to us whether we think that we owe God everything, or whether we think that God owes us everything.

Conclusion: Ultimately, the great difference-maker is whether we (a) realize our complete need of Christ, and (b) rejoice over God's provision of that need.