

Lesson 34 Learning Goals:

- (1) Review the Covenant of Grace and the Contribution that Each Book of the New Covenant Makes.
- (2) Learn the Contribution that Romans Makes to the Covenant of Grace Contrasted with the covenant of works.
- (3) Learn to Discover Yourself Along the Path of Life in Romans 3:19-8:13.

Central Uniting Theme of the Bible

“The whole Bible is bound together around this single theme: ‘I will be your God and you will be my people.’ The same way of salvation is found throughout the Bible; we trust the promises of God and are saved. I lay most stress on the singleness and unity of the people of God running right through the Bible. We are the people of God. Early believers should never have allowed the people of Antioch to get away with nicknaming them Christians. Our proper name is Israel.”

(Alec Motyer, interview with Geoff Thomas on Banner of Truth Website, May 9, 2000)

Long Form of the Covenant of Grace

“I will be your God and you will be my people, so that the whole world will know that I am the Sovereign Lord.”

Tracing
The Covenant
of Grace
through the
Bible

The New Testament Fills Up the Meaning of the Great Commission to Live in Union and Communion with God to Fulfill the Covenant of Grace

Covenant of Grace

The diagram consists of three ovals arranged horizontally. The leftmost oval is purple and contains the text 'Covenant of Grace'. The middle oval is blue and contains the text 'The Great Commission'. The rightmost oval is green and is significantly larger than the other two, containing the text 'The New Testament'. The ovals are connected by thin lines, suggesting a flow or relationship between the concepts.

The Great Commission

The New Testament

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God the Father gives Christ as a Covenant to his people (Isa. 42:6)

Covenant of Grace

The Great Commission

Christ, who has all authority as the Covenant Mediator commands His covenant people to make disciples and teach them to obey all His commandments as the means of enjoying His Presence

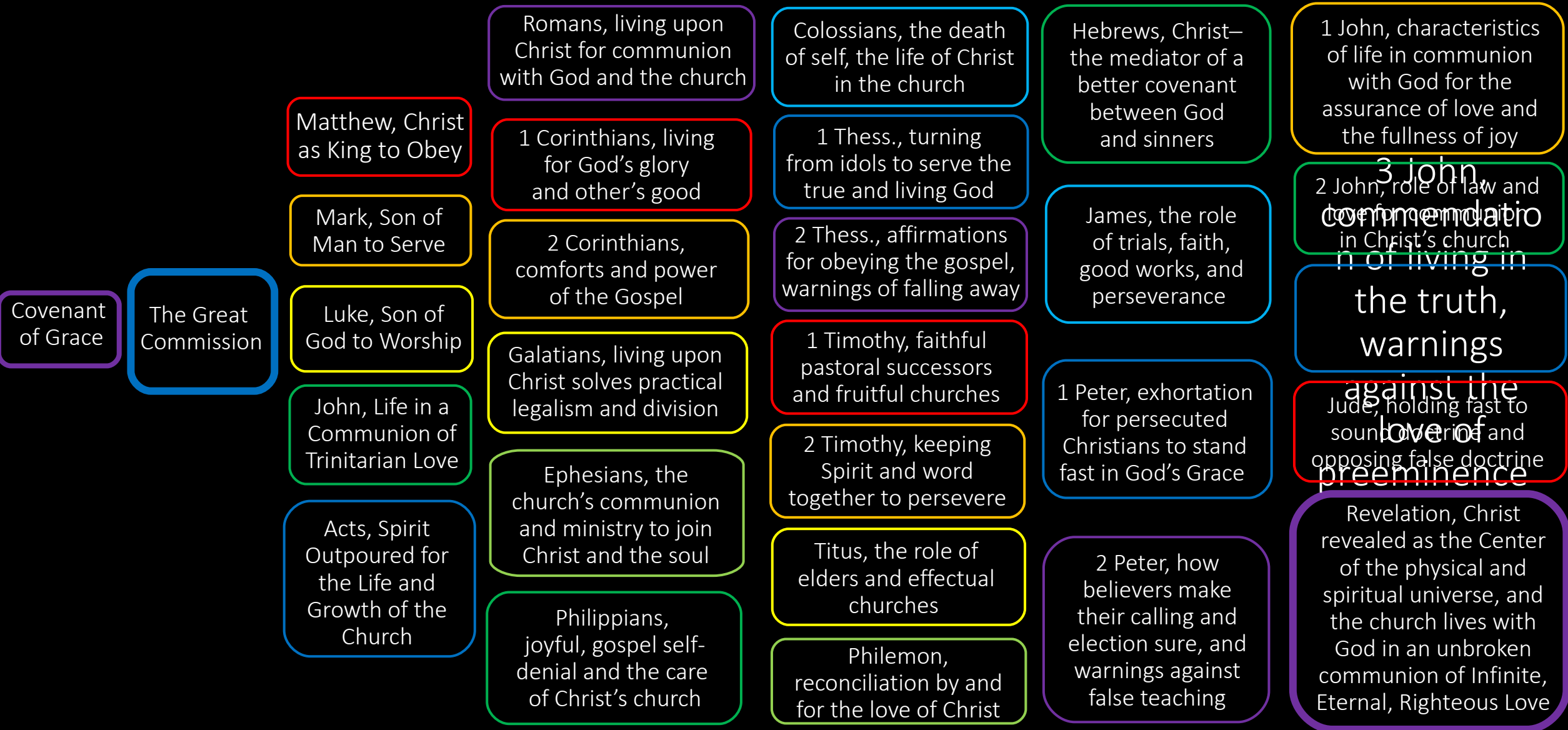
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 - 1 Cor.
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 - Colossians
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 - 1 Peter
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 - Jude
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 - 3 John
- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John
- Acts
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians

At the Wedding Feast of the Lamb, Christ is Revealed as the Center of the Physical and Spiritual Universe, and for All Eternity, We Will Live with God in an Unbroken Communion of Infinite, Eternal, Righteous Love

Revelation

"I will be your God and you will be My people so that the whole world will know that I am the Sovereign Lord."

Each Book of New Testament Fills Up the Meaning of the Great Commission to Live in Union and Communion with God to Fulfill the Covenant of Grace



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Long Form of the Covenant of Grace In Romans 1:1-5

gospel of God

promised beforehand

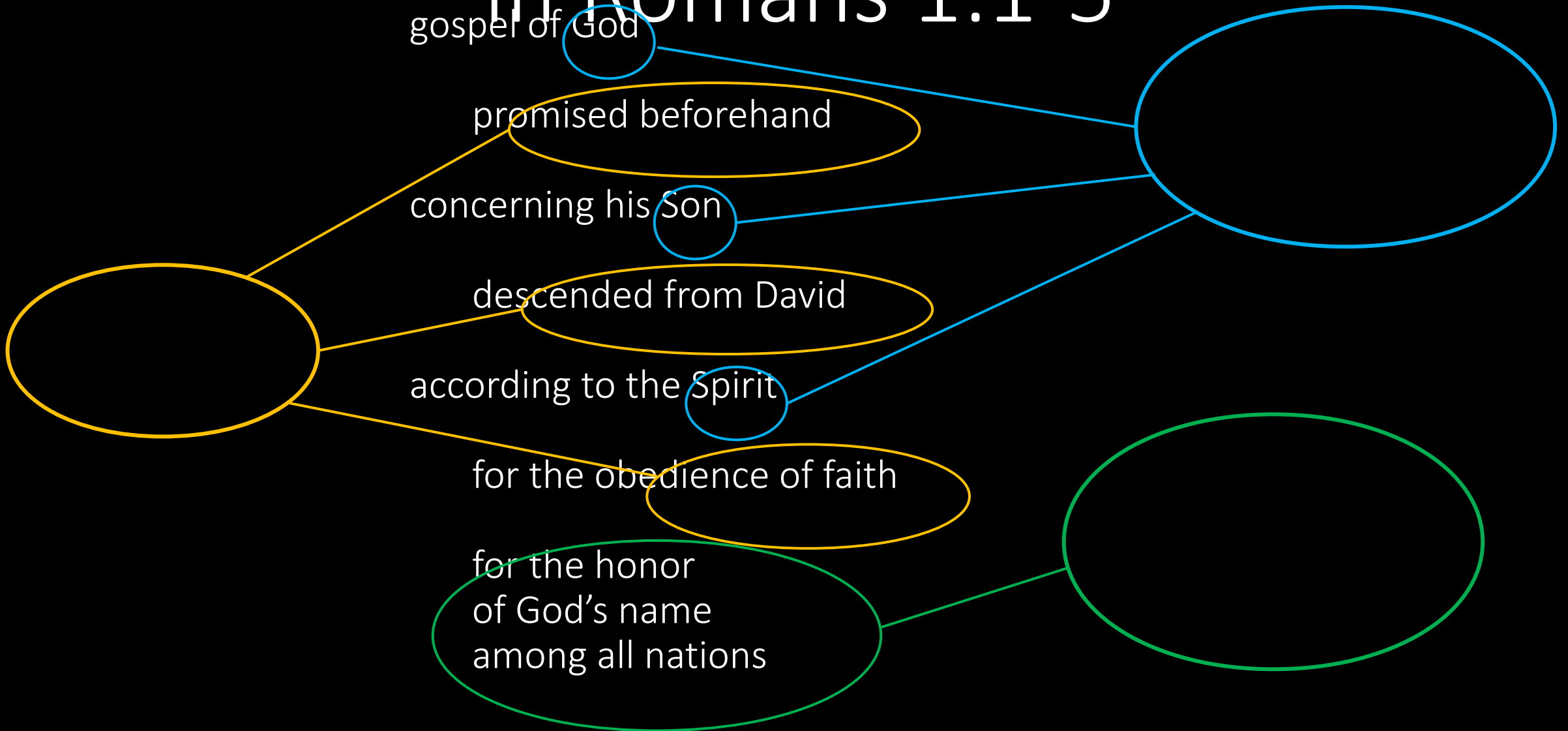
concerning his Son

descended from David

according to the Spirit

for the obedience of faith

for the honor
of God's name
among all nations



Learning to Live by Faith for the Power
of God in the Gospel of Christ
to Fill Up the Meaning of the Great
Commission

to Fulfill the Covenant of Grace

Romans 1:16–17 16For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, *“The just shall live by faith.”* (NKJV)

Applying Romans 3:19-8:13 Pastorally

(Manner of Life in the Covenant of Grace Contrasted with the Covenant of Works)

Continuums (Walk, Path, or Manner of Life) in Romans 3:19-8:13

Manner of Life Increasingly Poisoned by Legality.....Manner of Life Increasingly Made Holy by Grace

Lives upon Self and the Merits of Self-Righteousness and out of Communion with God as if still under the Covenant of Works

Lives upon Christ and the Merits of His Righteousness for the Obedience of Faith and Life in Communion with God and the Church to Fulfill the Covenant of Grace

Self-Justifying, Living in Unbelief.....Justified, Living by Faith (“the just shall live by faith”)

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Under Law (Covenant of Works).....	Under Grace (Covenant of Grace)
Works-Righteousness (Legal-Obedience).....	Obedience of Faith (Gospel-Obedience)
Condemnation.....	Justification
Enmity.....	Reconciliation
Under the Dominion of Sin.....	Free from the Dominion of Sin
In Bondage to Remaining Sin.....	Living Upon Christ to Put Remaining Sin to Death
In the Flesh.....	In the Spirit
Death (Alienated from Life in God and with God).....	Life (In Communion with God)

Self-Justifying, Living in Unbelief.....Justified, Living by Faith (“the just shall live by faith”)

Manner of Life in Romans 3:19-8:13

Manner of Life Increasingly Poisoned by Legality.....Manner of Life Increasingly Made Holy by Grace

Alienation

Wickedness

Enmity

Self-Justification

Communion

Holiness

Love

Justification by Christ

Manner of Life in Romans 3:19-8:13

Manner of Life Increasingly Poisoned by Legality.....Manner of Life Increasingly Made Holy by Grace

Spreads Enmity and Alienation.....Spreads Reconciliation and Communion of Love in God

At Enmity.....Reconciling

Stirs up Strife.....Peacemaker

Vindictive.....Benevolent

Punitive.....Charitable

Malicious.....Good

Antagonistic.....Sympathetic

Merciless.....Merciful

Bitter.....Joyful

Hateful.....Loving

Hard-hearted.....Compassionate

Graceless.....Gracious

Unyielding.....Yielding

Cold.....Devoted

Unkind.....Kind

Indifferent.....Caring

Envious.....Generous

Mercenary.....Free

Disaffected.....Endearing

Cool.....Warm

Unforgiving...Forgiving

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Increasingly turned in upon self by the absence of the Spirit and Christ's power in the gospel to live for selfish ambition and self-interest:

Increasingly turned outside of self by the presence of the Spirit and the power of Christ in the gospel to live for God's glory and other's good:

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Unyielding · Graceless · Hard-Hearted · Hateful · Bitter
Merciless · Antagonistic · Malicious · Punitive · Vindictive
Stirs Up Strife · At Enmity (Must destroy the people hated)

Spreads Enmity and Alienation (Must enlist others to live with enmity against God, destroy people hated, rid the world of Christ and a people who live in a communion of love, and fulfill the covenant of works.)

Justified by Christ · Forgiving · Warm · Endearing · Attentive
Close · Free · Generous · Caring · Kind · Devoted · Yielding
· Gracious · Compassionate · Loving · Joyful · Merciful ·
Sympathetic · Good · Charitable · Benevolent Peacemaker ·
Reconciling (Must do good to people loved)

Spreads Reconciliation and Communion of Love in God (Makes disciples, teaching them to live upon Christ for the obedience of faith and life in a communion of love with God and the church to fulfill the Covenant of Grace.)

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1. From Romans 6:1-14 and 7:1-6, how is a believer freed from the dominion of sin? What role does our freedom from the dominion of sin have in turning us from legality to live by grace through faith?
2. How does the vivification of life and the mortification of sin in Romans 8:10-13 turn us from legality, life in the flesh, and death or alienation from life in communion with God?

Covenant Theology Applied

The whole of the Christian life and the life of the Church may be viewed through the lenses of two covenants:

the covenant of works

the covenant of grace

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3. Bonus Question: What contribution do the main sections of Romans make in turning from a manner of life increasingly poisoned by legality to a manner of life increasingly made holy by grace: 3:19-20, 3:21-26, 4:16-25, 5:1-11, 5:12-21, 6:1-14, 6:15-23, 7:1-6; 7:7-11, 7:12-25, 8:1-4, 8:5-9, 8:10-13?