

John 17:1-5
The Substance of the Covenant

Introduction:

The heart of all the specific Covenants written in the Bible: (Protogospel Gen. 3:15; Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic, and the New Covenant) stem from the Covenant of Redemption. This Covenant of Redemption has been established in the purpose and decree of the triune God; before history, but works itself out in the history of man.

I. **The Covenant of Redemption**

A. **First of all Covenants**

1. A Plan to redeem God's elect people.
2. A glimpse of the Divine plan – Psa. 2:7-8; John 6:38-39; 10:18
3. Michael Horton, “Covenant Theology”, Matt. 1:21

II. **The Covenant of Works**

A. **A covenant between God and Adam – Gen. 2:15**

1. Requirements of obedience or physical death – Gen. 2:17
2. Sinless Adam enjoyed fellowship with God

B. **Federal Head – Rom. 5:12**

1. Adam's fall – I Cor. 15:21-22
2. Covenant breaker – Hosea 6:7
3. Condemned already – John 3:36; Rev. 20:6; 21:4

C. **Still in force – Isa. 64:6; Rom. 3:23**

1. The only way out – Isa. 61:10

III. **The Covenant of Grace**

A. **After the Fall of Man – Gen. 3:15; Rom. 16:20**

B. **Various Covenants:**

1. Noahic – Gen. 6:18
2. Abrahamic – Gen. 15:8-18; 17:10, 14; Gal. 3:16,29; Col. 2:11-12
3. Mosaic – Exo. 24:8
4. Davidic – Psalm 89:3-4; Heb. 1:5; Isa. 55:3
5. New Covenant – Heb. 8:13; Jer. 31:31-33