

***Covenant Theology
The Larger Picture***

Genesis 18:1-22

Acts 2:38-39

“³⁸ Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.’”

Romans 9:6-8

“⁶ But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel; ⁷ nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: ‘**THROUGH ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE NAMED.**’ ⁸ That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.”

Genesis 12:1-3

“¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father’s house, to the land which I will show you; ² And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; ³ And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.’”

Genesis 18:3

“³ and said, ‘My Lord, if now I have found favor in Your sight, please do not pass Your servant by.’”

Genesis 18:12

“¹² Sarah laughed to herself, saying, ‘After I have become old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?’”

Genesis 18:17-19

“¹⁷ The Lord said, ‘Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸ since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and in him all the nations of the earth will be blessed? ¹⁹ For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him.”

Ephesians 6:1-4

“¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), ³ SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH. ⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

Colossians 3:20

“²⁰ Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.”

I Corinthians 7:12-14

“¹² But to the rest I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he must not divorce her. ¹³ And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, she must not send her husband away. ¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy.”

Do you acknowledge Johnny’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God’s covenant promises and benefits for Johnny and by faith do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of your child as you do your own?

Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and do you promise by relying on God’s power and grace through the Holy Spirit to live an exemplary life before your child?

Do you commit yourself to pray with and for your child, to teach your child the Scriptures and the great articles of our faith in Jesus Christ?

Do you promise to use every means provided by God, including faithful participation in the life of the Church, to bring your child up in the loving discipline of the Lord?

Do you, the members of this congregation, acting for yourselves and in behalf of the whole Body of Christ, assume responsibility with these parents for the spiritual nurture of this child?

Do you commit yourself to set a godly example before this child, to provide as far as you are able, all that is necessary to the end that this child may one day confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?