**Hebrews: The Supremacy of the Son of God pt. 44**

**June 15 || Title: Saved to the Uttermost: Covenant Rejoinder**

**Central Idea of the Topic**: God always engages with man through covenant, and the covenant of grace is the only means of salvation for anyone

**Specific Objective of the Topic**: To understand covenant theology from a confessional Baptist perspective and be grateful to God for the surety and rest that God provides in the New Covenant.

**Text:** Hebrews 7:22– 8:13

 [25] Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. (ESV)

**Introduction:**

Hebrews makes a strong case for the Supremacy of the Son of God.

* Special focus on the covenant He mediates.

Confusing covenant theology leads to law/gospel errors.

**PACTUM SALUTIS (Eph 1:4; John 6:37-39)**

Scripture presents a covenantal relationship in the Godhead.

Covenant: An agreement between two or more persons.

The Covenant of peace is the foundation for all redemptive history.

Be careful when speaking of this to not make theological errors.

The Father purposes, the Son accomplishes, the Spirit applies.

* Father elects, Son lives and dies for, Spirit applies and regenerates.

**COVENANT OF WORKS (Gen 1-3; Hosea 6:7)**

Adam commissioned to rule over the earth and not eat of a specific tree.

Important principle: “Do this and live.”

Adam disobeys and eats. He does not – “do this and live” and he dies and all he represented.

All people have the work of the law written on their heart.

Protoevangelium – the first gospel proclamation

* the first promise of the Covenant of Grace (CoG).
* Outworking of the pactum salutis.

**NOAHIC COVENANT (Gen 6-9)**

First time the word “covenant” is used.

Noah sacrifices an animal before the law is formally given.

The CoG promised in furthered along in the salvation the Ark brings.

**ABRAHAMIC COVENANT (Gen 12, 15, 17)**

Has two sides to it – a national and spiritual identity.

National identity:

* The physical descendants of Abraham.
* Given the sing of circumcision.

Spiritual identify:

* God revealed Himself to Abram years before the sign of national identify.
* Abraham the father of all who have faith.

Covenant of grace revealed further through the promises to bless.

**MOSAIC COVENANT (Exodus- Deuteronomy)**

Is it a covenant of law or grace?

Do this and live – once again present.

Mosaic covenant is a covenant of works.

The covenant demonstrated to sinners their sin – prompting the elect to look to Christ.

Covenant of grace once again revealed through further steps.

**DAVIDIC COVENANT (2 Sam 7;23; Psalm 89)**

God promises a king on the throne.

**UNDERSTANDING THE CoG**

Both the CoW and CoG based on – “Do this and live.”

Christians are saved by works – Christ’s.

All the previous covenants point toward or anticipate the CoG.

* Like scaffolding on a building.

**THE OLD COVENANT AND THE NEW COVENANT**

Neither term mentioned often – especially the old.