



GOD HAS COVENANT RESPONSIBILITY OVER ME

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A. Romans 5:12-14 (TPT) The Gift of Grace Greater Than Sin

1. 12 When Adam sinned, the entire world was affected. Sin entered human experience, and death was the result. And so death followed this sin,[a] casting its shadow over all humanity, because all have sinned.
13 Sin was in the world before Moses gave the written law, but it was not charged against them where no law existed.[b]
14 Yet death reigned[c] as king from Adam to Moses even though they hadn't broken a command the way Adam had. The first man, Adam, was a picture[d] of the Messiah, who was to come.[e]

B. There was a television show when I was a kid called "The Addams Family"

1. Death and weird was the normal.
 - a. There was the butler *Lurch* = His name means unsteady or uneven.
 - b. There was **THING** = An object which cannot be defined
 - c. Then there was Uncle *Fester* = His name means to grow and to spread.
 - i. To generate purulent matter,
 - ii. to rot,
 - iii. to rankle as a growing feeling of resentment.

2. Romans 5:15-21 (AKJV)

15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.

17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: 21 that as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

3. Zechariah 4:6 (AKJV)

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

4. 2 Timothy 2:13 (ESV)

13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

5. 1 John 4:19 (ESV)

19 We love because he first loved us.

6. Ephesians 4:32 (AKJV)

32 and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

C. God has established His covenant in the earth.

Everything He does is determined by this covenant.

1. Ephesians 2:12 (AKJV)

12 that at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

2. Ephesians 2:12-19 (TPT) A New Humanity

11–12 So don't forget that you were not born as Jews and were uncircumcised (circumcision itself is just a work of man's hands); you had none of the Jewish covenants and laws; you were foreigners to Israel's incredible heritage; you were without the covenants and prophetic promises of the Messiah, the promised hope, and without God.

13 Yet look at you now! Everything is new! Although you were once distant and far away from God, now you have been brought delightfully close to him through the sacred blood of Jesus—you have actually been united to Christ!

14 Our reconciling "Peace" is Jesus! He has made Jew and non-Jew one in Christ. By dying as our sacrifice, he has broken down every wall of prejudice that separated us and has now made us equal through our union with Christ.

15 Ethnic hatred has been dissolved by the crucifixion of his precious body on the cross. The legal code that stood condemning every one of us has now been repealed by his command. His triune essence has made peace between us by starting over—forming one new race of humanity, Jews and non-Jews fused together!

16 Two have now become one, and we live restored to God and reconciled in the body of Christ. Through his crucifixion, hatred died. 17 For the Messiah has come to preach this sweet message of peace to you, the ones who were distant, and to those who are near. 18 And now, because we are united to Christ, we both have equal and direct access in the realm of the Holy Spirit to come before the Father!

19 So, you are not foreigners or guests, but rather you are the children of the city of the holy ones,[e] with all the rights as family members of the household of God.

3. Deuteronomy 8:17-18 (AKJV)

17 and thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. 18 But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

4. Galatians 3:6-29 (TPT)

6 Abraham, our father of faith, led the way as our pioneering example. He believed God and the substance of his faith released God's righteousness to him.[a] 7 So those who are the true children of Abraham will have the same faith as their father! 8 God's plan all along was to bring this message of salvation to the nations through the revelation of faith. Long ago God prophesied over Abraham, as the Holy Scriptures say:

"Through your example of faith all the nations will be blessed!"[b]

9 And so the blessing of Abraham's faith is now our blessing too!

10 But if you choose to live in bondage under the legalistic rule of religion, you live under the law's curse. For it is clearly written:

"Utterly cursed is everyone who fails to practice every detail and requirement that is written in this law!"[c]

11 For the Scriptures reveal, and it is obvious, that no one achieves the righteousness of God by attempting to keep the law, for it is written:

"Those who have been made holy will live by faith!"[d]

12 But keeping the law does not require faith, but self-effort. For the law teaches, "If you practice the principles of law, you must follow all of them."[e]

13 Yet, Christ paid the full price to set us free from the curse of the law. He absorbed it completely as he became a curse in our place. For it is written:

"Everyone who is hung upon a tree is doubly cursed."[f]

14 Jesus, our Messiah, was cursed in our place and in so doing, dissolved the curse from our lives, so that all the blessings of Abraham can be poured out upon even non-Jewish believers. And now God gives us the promise of the wonderful Holy Spirit who lives within us when we believe in him.

The Law versus God's Promises

15 Beloved friends, let me use an illustration that we can all understand. Technically, when a contract is signed, it can't be changed after it has been put into effect; it's too late to alter the agreement.[g]

16 Remember the royal proclamation[h] God spoke over Abraham and to Abraham's child? God said that his promises were made to pass on to Abraham's "Child,"[i] not children. And who is this "Child?" It's the Son of promise, Jesus, the anointed Messiah!

17–18 This means that the covenant between God and Abraham was fulfilled in Messiah and cannot be altered. Yet the written law was not even given to Moses until 430 years later, after God had "signed" his contract with Abraham! The law, then, doesn't supersede the promise[j] since the royal proclamation was given before the law.[k] If that were the case, it would have nullified what God said to Abraham. We receive all the promises because of the Promised One—not because we keep the law!

19 Why then was the law given? It was meant to be an intermediary agreement added after God gave the promise of the coming One! It was given to show men how guilty they are, and it remained in force until the Seed was born to fulfill the promises given to Abraham. When God gave the law, he didn't give it to them directly, for he gave it first to the angels; they gave it to Moses, his mediator,[l] who then gave it to the people.

20 Now, a mediator does not represent just one party alone, but God fulfilled it all by himself![m]

21 Since that's true, should we consider the written law to be contrary to the promise of new life? How absurd![n] Truly, if there was a law that we could keep which would give us new life, then our salvation would have come by law-keeping.

22 But the Scriptures make it clear that since we were all under the power of sin, we needed Jesus! And he is the Savior who brings the promise to those who believe. God's Sons Inherit the Promises

23 So until the revelation of faith for salvation was released, the law was a jailer, holding us as prisoners under lock and key until the "faith," which was destined to be revealed, would set us free.

24 The law becomes a gateway to lead us to the Messiah so that we would be saved by faith.

25 But when faith comes the law is no longer in force, since we have already entered into life.

26 You have all become true children of God by the faith of Jesus the Anointed One![o]

27 It was faith that immersed you into Jesus, the Anointed One, and now you are covered and clothed with his anointing.

28 And we no longer see each other in our former state—Jew or non-Jew, rich or poor,[p] male or female—because we’re all one through our union with Jesus Christ with no distinction between us.

29 And since you’ve been united to Jesus the Messiah, you are now Abraham’s “child” and inherit all the promises of the kingdom realm!