

“Concerning identical twins, it’s never safe to bring them together until you’ve learned to tell them apart.” (Unknown)

## THE COVENANT OF GRACE

<i>Historical Development</i>	<i>Eternal Decree of Election</i>
<i>Outward Administration</i>	<i>Inward Essence</i>
<i>Visible Church</i>	<i>Invisible Church</i>
<i>Ecclesiology</i>	<i>Soteriology</i>
<i>External Signs/Seals</i>	<i>Internal Saving Grace</i>
<i>Objective Status</i>	<i>Subjective Reality</i>
<i>Spiritual Advantage</i>	<i>Spiritual Efficacy</i>
<i>Saving Faith Required</i>	<i>Saving Faith Conferred</i>
<i>Salvation Freely Offered</i>	<i>Salvation Freely Received</i>
<i>Perseverance Required</i>	<i>Perseverance Guaranteed</i>
<i>Outward Means of Grace</i>	<i>Inward Marks of Grace</i>
<i>Credible Profession</i>	<i>True Conversion</i>
<i>Circumcised Flesh</i>	<i>Regenerate Heart</i>
<i>Water Baptism</i>	<i>Regenerate Heart</i>
<i>Passover Feast</i>	<i>Christ by Faith</i>
<i>Lord’s Supper</i>	<i>Christ by Faith</i>
<i>The Twelve</i>	<i>The Eleven</i>
<i>Ethnic Jew</i>	<i>True Jew</i>
<i>All Israel</i>	<i>Of Israel</i>
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## REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN

**WLC 32A:** The grace of God is manifested in the second covenant, in that he freely provideth and offereth to sinners a Mediator, and life and salvation by him; and requiring faith as the condition to interest them in him...

**WLC 33:** The covenant of grace was not always administered after the same manner, but the administrations of it under the Old Testament were different from those under the New.

**WLC 34A:** The covenant of grace was administered under the Old Testament, by promises, prophecies, sacrifices, circumcision, the passover, and other types and ordinances, which did all fore-signify Christ then to come... [WCF 27.5]

**WLC 35:** Under the New Testament, when Christ the substance was exhibited, the same covenant of grace was and still is to be administered in the preaching of the Word, and the administration of the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper; in which grace and salvation are held forth in more fulness, evidence, and efficacy, to all nations. [WCF 27.1-4]

**WLC 45A:** Christ executeth the office of a king, in calling out of the world a people to himself, and giving them officers, laws, and censures, by which he visibly governs them... [WCF 30.1-4]

**WLC 61:** All that hear the gospel, and live in the visible church, are not saved; but they only who are true members of the church invisible.

**WLC 62:** The visible church is a society made up of all such as in all ages and places of the world do profess the true religion, & of their children. [WCF 25.2-5]

**WLC 63:** The visible church hath the privilege of being under God’s special care and government; of being protected and preserved in all ages, notwithstanding the opposition of all enemies; and of enjoying the communion of saints, the ordinary means of salvation, and offers of grace by Christ to all the members of it in the ministry of the gospel, testifying, that whosoever believes in him shall be saved, and excluding none that will come unto him. [WCF 26.2]

**WLC 68:** All the elect, and they only, are effectually called: although others may be, and often are, outwardly called by the ministry of the Word, and have some common operations of the Spirit; who, for their wilful neglect and contempt of the grace offered to them, being justly left in their unbelief, do never truly come to Jesus Christ. [WCF 10.4; 29.8]

**WLC 165:** Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament, wherein Christ hath ordained the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, to be a sign and seal of ingrafting into himself, of remission of sins by his blood, and regeneration by his Spirit; of adoption, and resurrection unto everlasting life; and whereby the parties baptized are solemnly admitted into the visible church, and enter into an open and professed engagement to be wholly and only the Lord’s. [WCF 28.1]

**WLC 166:** Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, and so strangers from the covenant of promise, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him, but infants descending from parents, either both, or but one of them, professing faith in Christ, and obedience to him, are in that respect within the covenant, and to be baptized. [WCF 28.4-6]

**WLC 31:** The covenant of grace was made with Christ as the second Adam, and in him with all the elect as his seed.

**WLC 32B:** The grace of God is manifested in the second covenant, in that he... promiseth and giveth his Holy Spirit to all his elect, to work in them that faith, with all other saving graces; and to enable them unto all holy obedience, as the evidence of the truth of their faith and thankfulness to God, and as the way which he hath appointed them to salvation. [WCF 7.3, 5-6]

**WLC 34B:** [The ordinances of the OT administration] were for that time sufficient to build up the elect in faith in the promised Messiah, by whom they then had full remission of sin, and eternal salvation.

**WLC 45B:** Christ executeth the office of a king... in bestowing saving grace upon his elect, rewarding their obedience, and correcting them for their sins, preserving and supporting them under all their temptations and sufferings...

**WLC 57:** Christ, by his mediation, hath procured redemption, with all other benefits of the covenant of grace. [WLC 36; WCF 8.1]

**WLC 60:** ...neither is there salvation in any other, but in Christ alone, who is the Savior only of his body the church.

**WLC 64:** The invisible church is the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one under Christ the head. [WCF 25.1]

**WLC 65:** The members of the invisible church by Christ enjoy union and communion with him in grace and glory. [WCF 26.1]

**WLC 66:** The union which the elect have with Christ is the work of God’s grace, whereby they are spiritually and mystically, yet really and inseparably, joined to Christ as their head and husband; which is done in their effectual calling.

**WLC 69:** The communion in grace which the members of the invisible church have with Christ, is their partaking of the virtue of his mediation, in their justification, adoption, sanctification...

**WLC 82:** The communion in glory which the members of the invisible church have with Christ, is in this life, immediately after death, and at last perfected at the resurrection and day of judgment.

**WLC 83:** The members of the invisible church have communicated to them in this life the firstfruits of glory with Christ, as they are members of him their head, & so in him are interested in that glory which he is fully possessed of; and, as an earnest thereof, enjoy the sense of God’s love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, and hope of glory; as, on the contrary, sense of God’s revenging wrath, horror of conscience, and a fearful expectation of judgment, are to the wicked the beginning of their torments which they shall endure after death.

**WLC 86:** The communion in glory with Christ, which the members of the invisible church enjoy immediately after death is, in that their souls are then made perfect in holiness, and received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies, which even in death continue united to Christ, and rest in their graves as in their beds, till at the last day they be again united to their souls...