

August 14th, 2022

Schedule of Events:

This Week: 9:30 AM Candidate Slingerland
6:30 PM Candidate Slingerland

Next Week: 9:30 AM Reading Service
6:30 PM Catechism Reading Service

-All the Lord willing-

Announcements:

Offerings: 1st offering: General Fund

2nd offering Today: Living Bread

2nd offering next week: NAGM

Remember in Prayer:

- Treyton Zdenek is having foot surgery on the 16th. (Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. John 5:8)
- Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those undergoing treatments, and all those with hidden crosses. ("He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer." Psalms 102:17)

Meditation:

OF THE COVENANT OF GOD

It has been shown, that a Mediator is one who reconciles parties that are at variance, as God and men. This reconciliation is called in the Scriptures a Covenant, which has particular reference to the Mediator, inasmuch as every mediator is the mediator of some covenant and the reconciler of two opposing parties. Hence the doctrine of the Covenant which God made with man, is closely connected with the doctrine of the Mediator. The principal

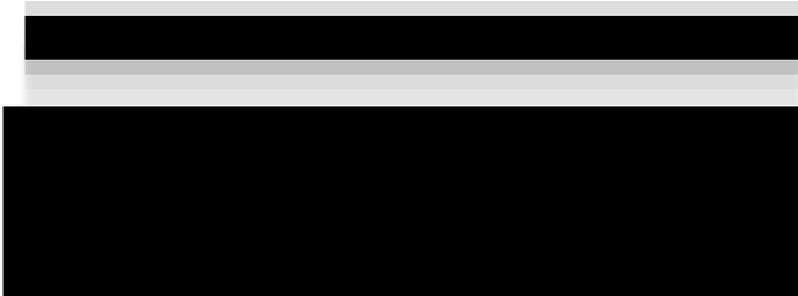
questions which claim our attention in the consideration of this subject, are the following: I. What is this Covenant? II. Was it possible without a Mediator? III. Is it one, or more than one? IV. In what do the old and new Covenants agree, and in what do they differ? I. WHAT IS THIS COVENANT? A covenant in general is a mutual contract, or agreement between two parties, in which the one party binds itself to the other to accomplish something upon certain conditions, giving or receiving something, which is accompanied with certain outward signs and symbols, for the purpose of ratifying in the most solemn manner the contract entered into, and for the sake of confirming it, that the engagement may be kept inviolate. From this general definition of a covenant, it is easy to perceive what we are to understand by the Covenant here spoken of, which we may define as a mutual promise and agreement, between God and men, in which God gives assurance to men that he will be merciful to them, remit their sins, grant unto them a new righteousness, the Holy Spirit, and eternal life by and for the sake of his Son, our Mediator. And, on the other side, men bind themselves to God in this covenant that they will exercise repentance and faith, or that they will receive with a true faith this great benefit which God offers, and render such obedience as will be acceptable to him. This mutual engagement between God and man is confirmed by those outward signs which we call sacraments, which are holy signs, declaring and sealing unto us God's good will, and our thankfulness and obedience.

*Taken from The Commentary on the Heidelberg Catechism
by Dr. Ursunus.*

Notes:

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*O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name:
Make known his deeds among the people.*

Psalms 105:1

Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m