

How On Earth Can It Be Fixed?

The Grand Story of God

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INTRODUCTION

Week 1—Why on earth am I here? *Creation*

Week 2—What on earth has gone wrong? *Crises/Corruption*

*“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. ³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.” **Jeremiah 31:31-34***

How on earth can it be fixed? **God established his covenant of grace.**

Define covenant: *“A covenant is an unchangeable, divinely imposed legal agreement between God and man that stipulates the condition of their relationship.” Wayne Grudem*

I. Realize Christ Is The Mediator Of The New Covenant

*For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. **Hebrews 9:15***

II. Understand The Requirement Of Participation In The Covenant Is Faith

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. **Ephesians 2:8-9***

III. Realize The Promise Of The Covenant Is A Promise Of Eternal Life

*And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.” **Revelation 21:3***

IV. Recognize The Signs Of The Covenant

Beginning the covenant—Baptism

Continuing the covenant—Lord’s Supper