

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. **Romans 3:23-24**

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¹⁵ Brothers and sisters, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. ¹⁶ The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ.

¹⁷ What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on the promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise.

¹⁹ Why, then, was the law given at all? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the **promise** referred had come. The law was given through angels and entrusted to a mediator.²⁰ A mediator, however, implies more than one party; but God is one.

²¹ Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law.²² But Scripture has locked up everything under the control of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.

²³ Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, [g] Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are **God's** children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called **children of God**.

John 1:12

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become **children of God**—**children** born not **of** natural descent, nor **of** human decision or a husband's will, but born **of God**.



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<u>Romans 8:17</u>

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Romans 8:21

that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory **of** the **children of God**.

Romans 9:8

In other words, it is not the **children** by physical descent who are **God**'s **children**, but it is the **children of** the promise who are regarded as Abraham's **of**fspring.

<u>Romans 9:26</u>

and, "In the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' there they will be called '**children of** the living **God**.'"

<u>1 John 3:1</u>

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<u>1 John 3:2</u>

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<u>1 John 3:10</u>

This is how we know who the **children of God** are and who the **children of** the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not **God**'s child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.

<u>1 John 5:2</u>

This is how we know that we love the **children of God**: by loving **God** and carrying out his commands.

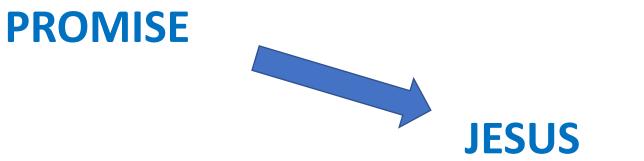
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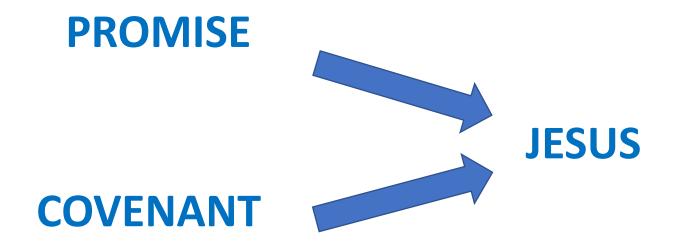
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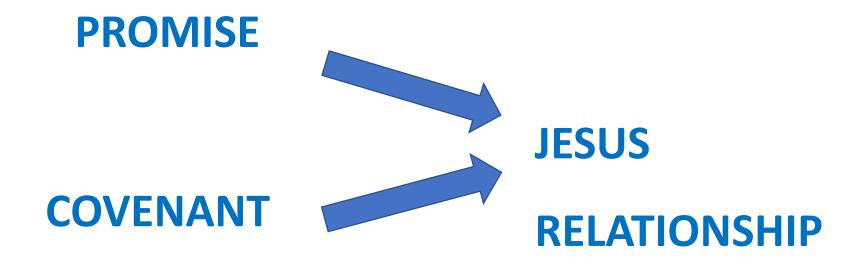
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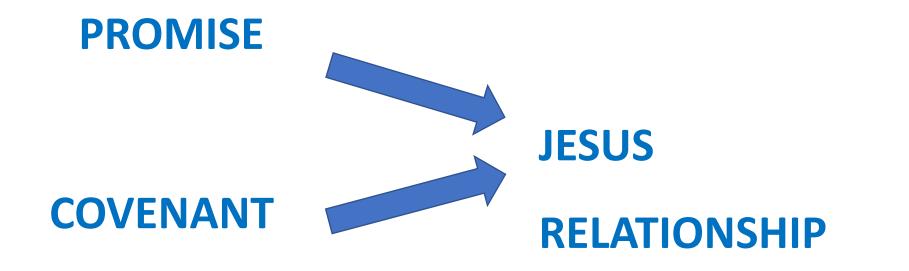
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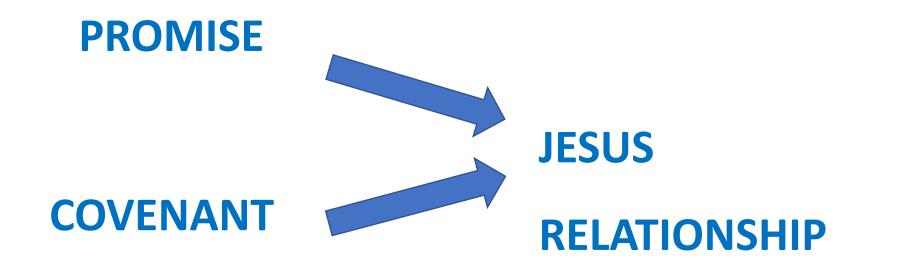








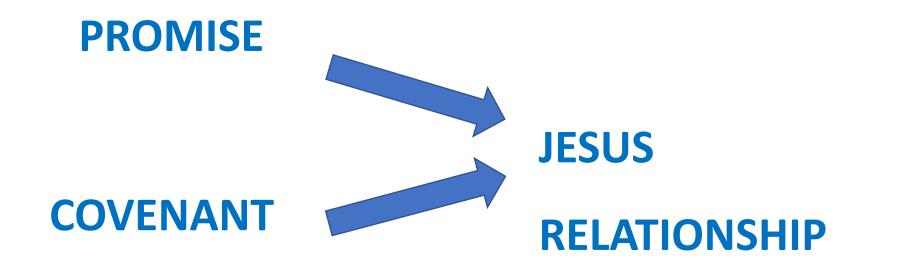
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Romans 8 (Paul's Review)

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What lead to decay and then to liberation?

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What hope?

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²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness.
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²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Here he proves the assertion of the preceding verse by the blessing conferred upon those who were faithful to him in past ages. Of them it is said: "And these all, having had witness borne to them through their faith, received not the promise, God having provided some better thing concerning us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect." (Heb. 11:39, 40.) They were not perfected until the provision was made through Christ.

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he transgressions of the first covenant were not removed till Christ died. God ordained that these ancient worthies should be conformed to the image or likeness of his Son, that he might be the first born from the grave among many brethren. He came forth from the grave. "And the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints that had fallen asleep were raised; and coming forth out of the tombs after his resurrection they entered into the holy city and appeared unto many." (Matt. 27:52, 53.)

Romans 8:30 enumerated progression.

whom he foreordained, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified James 1 14-15 enumerated progression.

¹⁴ but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed.

¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived,

it gives birth to sin;

and sin, when it is full-grown,

gives birth to death.

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