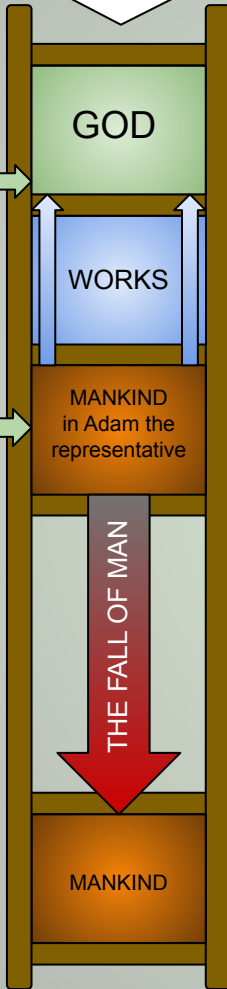


THE COVENANT OF WORKS

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Between God and Man. The first covenant made with man was a covenant of works, wherein life was promised to Adam, and in him to his posterity, upon condition of perfect and personal obedience.



THE COVENANT OF MERCY/GRACE

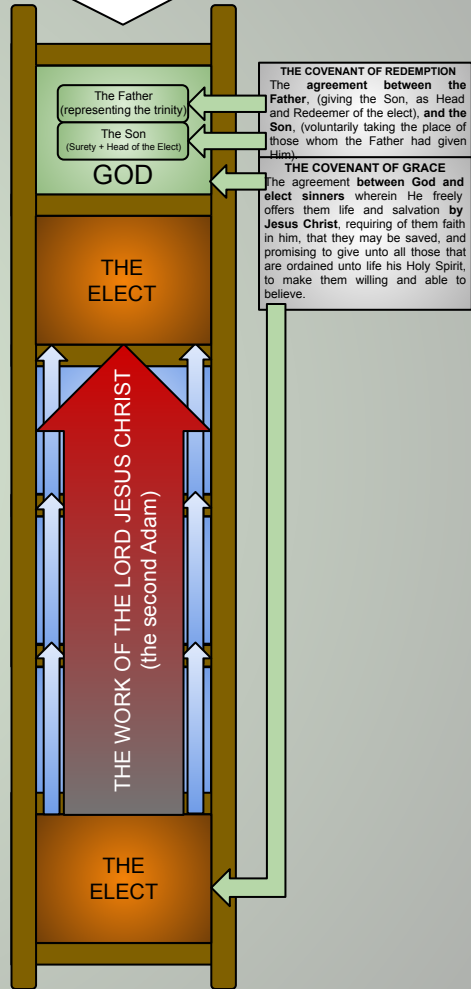
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O long and dark the stairs I trod
With trembling feet to find my God,
Gaining a foothold bit by bit,
Then slipping back and losing it.

Never progressing; striving still,
With weakening grasp and faltering will,
Bleeding to climb to God, while He
Serenely smiled, not noting me.

Then came a certain time when I
Loosened my hold and fell thereby;
Down to the lowest step my fall,
As if I had not climbed at all.

Now when I lay despairing there,
Listen...a footstep on the stair,
On that same stair where I, afraid,
Faltered and fell and lay dismayed.
And lo, when hope had ceased to be,
My God came down the stairs to me.



THE COVENANT OF REDEMPTION
The agreement between the Father, (giving the Son, as Head and Redeemer of the elect), and the Son, (voluntarily taking the place of those whom the Father had given Him).

THE COVENANT OF GRACE
The agreement between God and elect sinners wherein He freely offers them life and salvation by Jesus Christ, requiring of them faith in him, that they may be saved, and promising to give unto all those that are ordained unto life his Holy Spirit, to make them willing and able to believe.