**Q56. What is the Covenant of Redemption?**

The Covenant of Redemption is the plan and decree made before creation between God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit to graciously redeem the chosen ones from sin and punishment based on the work required of Jesus. All of creation is set in the context of this divine plan.

1. We learned that we must keep the Covenant of Redemption in mind as we read the Bible. We must remember that “all of what we read about in the Bible happens because of that covenant. All of what we read in the Bible serves to fulfill God’s perfect plan to which the focus of that covenant informs us.” Discuss how this Covenant Theology lesson has already or will affect your understanding of Scripture
2. Why is it important we acknowledge God’s word as supremely authoritative, seek to understand it correctly, and fully submit to it in all things?
3. What is God obligated to do for humanity? Explain your answer.
4. Read Ephesians 1:1–14 and 2:8–10.

On the basis of the Ephesians texts:

* When did God’s choosing of who would be saved occur? Point to the verse(s).
* Whose will (God or human) is the cause and is ultimate in who gets saved? Point to the verse(s).
* Who gets the glory in how God decreed these things? Point to the verse(s).
* What Person of the Godhead seals and guarantees salvation in the saved ones? Point to the verse(s).

1. If you are united to Christ, on what basis have you received saving grace from God? (Who did the work required to earn your salvation?)
2. The goodness of God in choosing us is set forth in Scripture to catapult us unto God-glorifying obedience. Read Colossians 3:12–17. From this passage, how does Scripture call us to act? (Help the group see the basis and identity in the passage: “Put on then, as God's chosen ones …”)
3. All of creation is set in the context of God’s divine plan. Have you personally experienced any events that seemed to be out of God’s control? How has your growing biblical understanding helped you in this?
4. Read Romans 8:31-39.

On the basis of that Romans passage:

* How does this lesson help give that passage a deeper foundation?
* What in your life do you fear? Why do you fear it? Do you have confidence that God is in control over it? If not, how could you gain this confidence?

1. Recall/look back to our lesson of God’s attributes; share how you see His attributes in the Covenant of Redemption.