

Covenant of Redemption (aka Counsel of Peace, *Pactum Salutis*)

- I. Aspect of God's Eternal Decree in which economic relations of the Trinity respecting creation and redemption are determined.
 - A. Vos, "If from eternity the plan of redemption has been established in God's decree and in it the task of the Son to execute that plan, then it follows from the concept of the Trinity that an eternal communication of this idea of redemption between Father and Son and of their reciprocal good pleasure in it must be assumed."

II. Evidence in Scripture

- A. [Psalm 2](#)
- B. [Psalm 40:7-8](#) ([Hebrews 10:10](#))
- C. [Psalm 110:1](#)
- D. [Isaiah 42:1, 6](#)
- E. [Isaiah 49:6-8](#)
- F. [Isaiah 53:10-12](#)
- G. [Zechariah 6:13](#)
- H. [Luke 22:29](#)
- I. [John 17:1-5](#) (see also [5:17-31](#), [36-37](#), [43](#); [6:37-40](#), [57](#); [7:28-29](#), [38-39](#); [8:16-19](#), [26-29](#), [38](#), [42](#), [49-54](#); [9:4](#); [10:14-18](#), [25-30](#), [36-38](#); [12:23-28](#), [44-50](#); [13:3](#), [20](#), [31-32](#); [14:9-14](#), [16-20](#), [24-26](#); [15:8-15](#), [24-27](#); [16:7-16](#), [27-28](#))
- J. [Galatians 3:20](#)
- K. [Ephesians 1:3-14](#)
- L. [Philippians 2:5-11](#)
- M. [2 Timothy 1:9](#)
- N. [Titus 1:2](#)
- O. [Hebrews 7:28](#)
- P. [Hebrews 12:2](#)
- Q. [1 Peter 1:20](#)
- R. [Revelation 13:8](#)

III. Nature and Scope

A. On the side of the Son:

1. That the Son assume our nature, enter into time with that nature, assume it in a humiliated state, and so become surety for those specific persons whom the Father had in view in His election.
2. That the Son, who as a divine Person stood above the law, place Himself in His assumed nature under the law (i.e. covenant of works), so that by active obedience He might merit eternal life.
3. That the Son in His human nature pay the penalty for the guilt that had come upon believers by their transgressing God's law, thus providing passive obedience along with active obedience.
4. That the Son, after having obtained life for His own, effectually apply His merits to them by regenerating them, bringing them to repentance, working faith in them, all by the effectual influences of the Holy Spirit.

B. On the side of the Father:

1. That everything necessary for the assumption of human nature would be arranged; that a body would be prepared for Him.
2. That for the carrying out of His messianic offices He would be anointed with the Spirit without measure, as occurred especially after His baptism.
3. That in fulfilling His task He would be sustained and comforted, and Satan crushed under His feet.
4. That having entered into the depths of death, He would not remain there, but would arise exalted to the right hand of the Father and receive all power in heaven and on earth.
5. That through His exaltation and in His ascension, when He brought His perfect sacrifice into the heavenly sanctuary, He would be able on behalf of the Father, to send the Holy Spirit in a special manner for the formation of the body of His people.
6. That by the working of that Spirit all those whom the Father had given Him would also actually come to Him and would be kept by His power, so that they cannot fall away from His body.
7. That by this entire marvelous arrangement, in Him and through Him the highest revelation of the most glorious virtues of the Triune God would take place.

IV. Archetype of Historical Biblical Covenants