

Question 42

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Q42. Why can none be saved through the Covenant of Works?

A42. Because all have broken it, and are condemned by it.

Scripture Base: Gen 2:17, 3:6; Rom. 3:19-20, 8:6-8, 5:12, 18, 6:23; James 2:10

Doctrine: WCF 6:3, 4, 6; 7:2, 3; SC 16

Supplementary Questions

1. Did you break the covenant of works?
2. How did you break that covenant?
3. How many times do you need to break the covenant of works to be condemned by it?
4. What is the penalty you must pay for breaking that covenant?

Song: "God Made a Covenant with Adam"
"Jesus Our Redeemer" by Judy Rogers

Teaching Notes

Theme: All of us have broken the covenant of works and are condemned to everlasting punishment.

Review: Q41. Can anyone be saved through the covenant of works?
– *None can be saved through the covenant of works.*

Reading: Rom. 3:19-20, 8:6-8; James 2:10

Questions:

1. Yes. The Bible tells us, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).
2. Adam first broke that covenant by disobeying God in the garden (Gen. 3:6). But since he also represented you, you also broke it in him (Rom. 5:12, 18). God looks at you as though you ate from that tree.
3. Only once. When you break it, you become guilty, and there is no way in this covenant for you to get rid of that guilt.
4. Death. "In the day that you eat from it you will surely die" Gen. 2:17) "Through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned" (Rom. 5:12). "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). This isn't just physical death (the death of your body), but spiritual death (everlasting separation from God in hell and the lake of fire).

Gospel: You cannot save yourself through the covenant of works. You cannot obey well enough for God to accept you into heaven. You broke the covenant when Adam disobeyed. You've also broken it many times since you've been born. The covenant of works can only condemn you to everlasting punishment in hell for what you've done. The only way you can be saved is by trusting in Jesus. God made another covenant in which He sent His Son to save those who would trust in Him. If you trust in Jesus, you will be saved by His works. Have you trusted Him to save you?

Extras: Break and scramble an egg and let them try to repair it.

Songs: "God Made a Covenant" & "Jesus Our Redeemer" – J. Rogers