PART 3: THE COVENANT OF GRACE.
A term used to describe God’s one saving plan.

Week 5

1.—After man had impaired the covenant entered into with God, it was in God’s power to punish him immediately with eternal damnation. God’s object in creating the world was to make known the glory of His nature. This had not yet been manifested to man in its perfection. So God resolved not to let judgment take effect immediately, but to use Adam’s fall as a means to a new and higher revelation of His nature, and to turn to the fallen world in the glory of His forgiving love and redeeming grace. —Witsius II, I, 3.

Reading: C. chapt. 3; COTC chapt. 6.

The Covenant of Grace- The first Promise of Redemption (Gen 3:13 ff).
The proto evangel

I. DEFINITIONS
Words about Covenants are extra biblical, like ‘trinity’. They show us a biblical truth.
Covenant of Works (WCF 7:2) stressing performance
Covenant of Grace- stressing God’s free gift (WCF 7:3)
Covenant of Redemption, the covenant between the Father and the Son (RC Sproul), not WCF.
Covenant of commencement - O Palmer Roberson.

II. THE REMEDY OF THE FALL. Three words

A. The Word to Satan
The Serpent - Satan behind the Serpent (Gen 3:15).

Structure:
1. Initial Parties: Enmity
   Woman (Eve) and Serpent

2. Ongoing Process
   Between their seeds--struggle of the church in Old Testament.
   Cain and Abel
   Gen 5 - Line of Sons of God before Noah
   Line of Abraham/Israel post Noah
   Joshua 10:22-25
   1 John 3:12
   Imprecatory Psalms
3. The Final Conflict
   Two Defined Individuals
   Sing/Masculine “He”
   Satan and Christ/Second Adam
   Ps 110:6.

B. The Word to the Woman
   Blessing and Curses
   Blessing of fruitfulness, but pain in labor
   Dependency--desire to rule her husband (Gen 4:7), to dominate and usurp her husband. This reflects what happens at the tree.

C. The Word to the Man 3:19
   Work: Ground is cursed - Labor is hard
   The end of man, dust to dust, man made from the dust; given rulership, headship to rule for God and His glory, but now he falls and dies.
   Romans 8:18-23.

Summary
The big issues of labor pain, work, interpersonal struggles, and death all touch us today.