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“The Covenant of grace is a compact or agreement between God and the elect sinner; God on his part declaring his free good-will concerning eternal salvation, and everything relative thereto, freely to be given to those in covenant by, and for the mediator Christ; and man on his part consenting to that good-will by a sincere faith.”

— Herman Witsius, *The Economy of the Covenants Between God and Man*, 1.165 [Bk. 2. Ch.1.5].

“But then, secondly, there was a Covenant of Grace which God the Father made with Jesus Christ from all eternity to save some of the posterity of Adam. Had not this covenant been prepared and readied against the fall of Adam to take place at the very moment of his fall, the justice of God would have immediately seized on the whole creation under heaven, and consumed them, rendering them nothing. But then came Jesus Christ with the covenant in his hand saying, be gracious unto him, and deliver him from going down to the pit, I have found a ransom, (Job 33:24). Now I shall prove that the Covenant of Grace was made with Jesus Christ from all eternity, and this was a contract (or plot) of God the Father with God the Son from all eternity as mediator for the salvation of the elect.”

— Edmund Calamy, et al, *The Covenant of Works and the Covenant of Grace*, (Coconut Creek, Florida, Puritan Publications And A Puritan's Mind, 2014), 16.

“The Covenant of Grace is that arrangement whereby God planned to save elect man from the just consequences of his sin; namely, immorality, misery, death, and damnation.”

— Joseph R. Nally, *What is the Covenant of Grace?*, n.p. <https://thirdmill.org/answers/answer.asp/file/40554>