

Covenant Blessings

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- Humans placed as head of created order
- Humans are God's image bearers
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- God allows eating flesh, but restricts blood
 - Blood – symbol of life > sacrifice
 - Israel separate from pagans
- Protection of human life: image of God
 - Not needed before Fall
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- As we partner with Christ in Gospel, God's images are multiplied
- As we partner with Christ in Dominion, Fall is reversed
- Christian faith is ACTIVE in world, not withdrawal
- How are you living redemptively?

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