

Thus we can say that, since the Fall, God has not bestowed eternal life on fallen mankind on the basis of works. He does not enter into a covenant of works with depraved, guilty sinners. God made the original covenant of works with unfallen Adam. Adam did not meet the condition and therefore incurred the penalty, both for himself and all of his natural descendants. That covenant of works no longer applies, since all human beings except Christ are fallen. But God has made another covenant of works with Christ. As the second Adam, Christ met the condition, and received the benefit for all those joined to Him by faith.