

**GOD'S NEW COVENANT**  
**Romans 4; 5:12-19; 1 Corinthians 15:20-23**

**Memory Verse:** *For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive* (1 Cor. 15:20-23 ESV).

**Background Helps:**

We've come to the last six weeks of our study through "God's Covenant Story." These final weeks will consist of important teaching in the New Testament epistles about the covenants, as well as the climax of the story in the book of Revelation.

In Romans 4 and 5 and 1 Corinthians 15 we see the fulfillment of God's covenants with Abraham and with Adam through the work of Christ.

1. Whereas Adam disobeyed God and broke the covenant between him and God (Gen. 3) and brought sin and death upon the whole human race, Christ obeyed God and brought righteousness and life to all who believe in him (Rom. 5:12-19; 1 Cor. 15:20-23). As part of your preparation for this class, review the very first Teacher's Forecast in this curriculum of "God's Covenant Story."
2. God's covenant with Abraham that he would be "heir of the world" (Rom. 4:13) and "the father of many nations" (4:17-18) is fulfilled by those who put their faith in Christ, whether the circumcised Jews or the uncircumcised Gentiles (4:9-12)—he is the father of all who believe (4:16). Review Forecasts #3–5.

**Lesson Helps:**

A possible lesson aim: My students will learn about the fulfillment of God's covenants with Adam and Abraham in Jesus Christ, so that they will believe in Christ.

1. Review God's "covenant" with Adam in Genesis 1–2 and his violation of that covenant in Genesis 3. (See earlier forecast.) Then, from Romans 5:12-19 and 1 Corinthians 15:20-23, show how Jesus Christ has reversed the curse and brought righteousness and life to all who belong to him. Challenge your class to belong to Christ by faith. Emphasize the memory verse.
2. Review God's covenant with Abraham, especially his promise to bless all families of the earth through Abraham (Gen. 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; 28:14). Then show from Romans 4 how this promise is fulfilled in all those who put their faith in Christ. Emphasize verses 23-25 of Romans 4 to show how God's promise of justification to Abraham applies to us who believe in Christ. Again, challenge your class members to believe in Jesus.

**Home Assignment:**

 Read Romans 9–11.

 Memorize Romans 10:13 ESV.