

Covenant Theology: from a Reformed Baptist Perspective

Lesson 12: The New Covenant continued & Conclusion

The New Covenant and the Christian

Christ fulfilled the law for us. Legal obedience is not required for us to gain _____ into the New Covenant.

Faith in Christ as the Mediator of the New Covenant (Hebrews 8:6) is what is _____ of us to gain entrance into this New Covenant (this faith, as all the elements of the New Covenant, is a gift from God).

The evidence of one's standing in this new and infinitely better covenant will be the fruits of conversion (obedience to the law of God written on their hearts). _____ obedience is a necessary evidence of one's fellowship in the New Covenant. The New Covenant is not a license to sin, but the New Covenant brings with it a changed nature. Sin must be repented of and one must be turned toward God evidencing a desire to walk in newness of life.

"The covenant does not provide a pardon for sinners, and then leave them in their sins. It is not licensor of ungodliness, or shelterer of the libertine. There is nothing in it which to the least degree encourages those embraced by it to sin that grace may abound...Proverbs 8:13 tells us, 'The fear of the Lord is to hate evil'; and as we read again, 'By the fear of the Lord men depart from evil' (Prov. 16:6) Therefore, until the sinner has by grace been brought to hate evil and depart from it, he is a stranger to the covenants of promise. Mark well, dear reader, God does not promise to place His doctrine in our heads-many have that, and nothing more-but His fear in our hearts. (Jer. 32:40)" -Pink

All OT covenants pointed toward the Eternal Covenant via the New Covenant

Adamic Covenant-Reveals to us the Fall into sin and why a New Federal Head is needed. And indeed, one is _____ promised by God. God did not leave men to loathe in their misery without hope but because of His tender love and mercy He gives hope right away (Gen. 3:15).

Noahic Covenant-Reveals to us the depths of our sin and the just judgement it deserves. God's saving grace is seen, and His anger is stayed as He takes _____ in the offering of a sacrifice.

Abrahamic Covenant-Reveals to us the _____ from whom the Messiah would come. However, this gospel of God would be for all people and not just one ethnicity and would bring with it promises of peace and rest.

Mosaic Covenant-Further revealed mans need of both a better law keeper and of a greater sacrifice. A God given deliverer and a _____ is given to teach the people the words of God, also foreshadowing Christ.

Davidic Covenant-The Messiah will come from David's kingly line. He will build a _____ for the Lord.

Covenant Theology main points

-The backbone of the entire Bible are the covenants. The covenants show us the focus and the flow of the Scriptures. This progressive nature of the covenants provides scriptural _____.

-The existence and predominance of the _____ Covenant

-There are two main covenants which impact all people: Covenant of _____ & Covenant of _____

Reformed Baptist Covenant Theology Distinctives

-The _____ Covenant = The Covenant of _____.

-The OT was not the "Covenant of Grace". The Covenant of Grace was _____ and foreshadowed but it was not yet inaugurated until the death of Christ.

-Therefore, while Reformed Baptist do also see scriptural continuity in the covenants, they also see _____ between the Old Covenant (Abrahamic, Sinaitic, & Davidic) and the New Covenant.

-The Old Covenant, while containing the promise of the Covenant of Grace, was given to Israel as an _____ nation. The requirements for membership in the Old Covenant were all simply _____ (fleshly).

-Whereas membership in the New Covenant is _____ first-and-foremost.

-In both the Old and New Covenants two things are necessary: _____ and _____

-The birth of natural children under the Old Covenant gives way to the new birth of _____ children in the New Covenant (John 1:12-13).

-_____ for a newly born OT baby boy was required for acceptance into the covenant community.

-Whereas, in the New Covenant _____ is required for male and female for acceptance into the covenant community.

-Spiritual birth must come before baptism and _____ are necessary to be identified with the covenant community on earth.

-So, it is a reformed understanding of the covenants that led the early Baptists to hold to credobaptism. Credobaptism flowed from their _____.

*Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, **by the blood of the eternal covenant**, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

-Hebrews 13:20-21