

# COVENANT THEOLOGY

WHAT IS COVENANT THEOLOGY AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?



## WHY COVENANT THEOLOGY?

How does covenant theology help practically?

- **how to read the Bible**
- **communion with God**
- **the person and work of Christ**
- **how we know that truly we belong to God and can be certainly assured of salvation**
- **sacraments (baptism and the Lord's Supper)**

## WHAT IS COVENANT THEOLOGY

*A theological framework arising from scripture that understands God's work in history by way of covenants.*

*Three covenants in particular:*

- *The Covenant of Redemption*
- *The Covenant of Works*
- *The Covenant of Grace*

## **GOD'S WORK IN HISTORY**

Through these three covenant God shows the answer to vital questions that are at the very heart of our faith

- What is God doing?
- Where do we fit into it?

## **FRAMEWORK**

Hermeneutics is the science of interpretation- the methods used to go about understanding what something means.

Everyone has a hermeneutic – whether you realize it or not. The question is does your hermeneutic get you to a right understanding?

CT's hermeneutic is exegetical- meaning it comes from the text of scripture itself. Which is to say that it is a way of interpreting Scripture that Scripture itself provides.

## **COVENANT**

*Berit* in hebrew

*Diatheke* in greek

Covenant = guaranteed commitment (Renihan)

In God's covenant with us, there is not a negotiation. He is the creator, we are his creatures so he lays out the terms.

"A declaration of God's sovereign pleasure concerning the benefits he will bestow on man, the communion they will have with him, and the ways and means by which this will be enjoyed by them." – Nehemiah Coxe