**Covenant Theology**

I. What is Covenant Theology?

Covenant theology (Also Covenantalism, Federalism) is a theological system used to interpret the overall structure of the Bible. In this system, God’s covenants are the “backbone” of the Bible.

II. Source Material

 Genesis 2:15-17 –

Genesis 6:18 – But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and 1your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you.

 Genesis 9:9-17

Genesis 15:18 – On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates..”

 Genesis 17

Exodus 19:5 – Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

Exodus 24:7 – Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient.”

Exodus 31:16 – Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations *as* a perpetual covenant.

 Jeremiah 31:31-33

Luke 1:72 – To perform the mercy *promised* to our fathers, And to remember His holy covenant,

Matt 26:28 – For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

 Hebrews 7-13

III. Various Articulations of Covenant Theology

* Biblical Covenantalism
* New Covenant Theology
* Progressive Covenantalism
* 1689 Federalism
* Baptistic Covenant Theology
* Westminsterian Covenantalism

IV. Questions & Conflicts

* Continuity vs Discontinuity
* Israel (today & future)
* One people of God vs two
* The Law (The Ten Commandments, Mosaic Law, Law of Christ)
* The Sabbath