

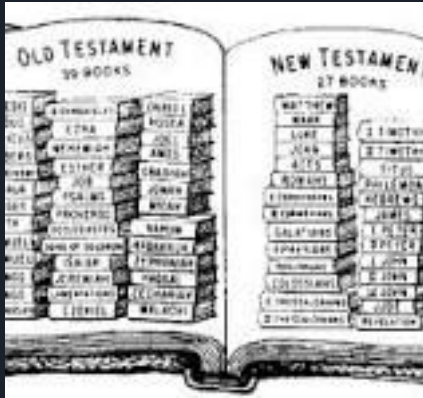


Paedobaptist Covenant Theology

Covenant Theology Lesson 3

Why Covenant Theology?

Putting the Bible Together



- Israel and the Church
- The Law and the Christian
- The Sabbath and the Lord's Day
- Circumcision and Baptism

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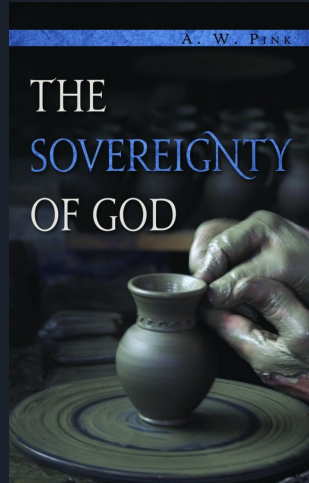
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TULIP?



The Doctrine of God?



The Law of God?



The Lord's Day?



Infant Baptism?



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For the vindication of the Truth, and information of the ignorant; likewise for the taking off of those aspersions which are frequently both in Pulpit and Print unjuſtly caſt upon them.

But this I confeſſe unto thee, that after the way which they call hereſie, ſo worſhip I the God of my Fathers, beleeving all things that are writen in the Law and the Prophets, and haue hope towards God, which they themſelves alſo allow, that there ſhall be a reſurreccion of dead both of the juſt and unjuſt. Acts 24. 14, 15.

For we cannot but ſpeak the things that we haue ſeen and heard, Acts 4. 20. If I haue ſpoken euill, bear witneſſe of the euill; but if well, why ſmiteſt thou me? John 18. 23.

Bleſſed are yee when men revile you, and ſay all manner of euill againſt you falſly for my ſake. Rejoyce, &c. Matth. 5. 12. & 19. 29.

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Classic
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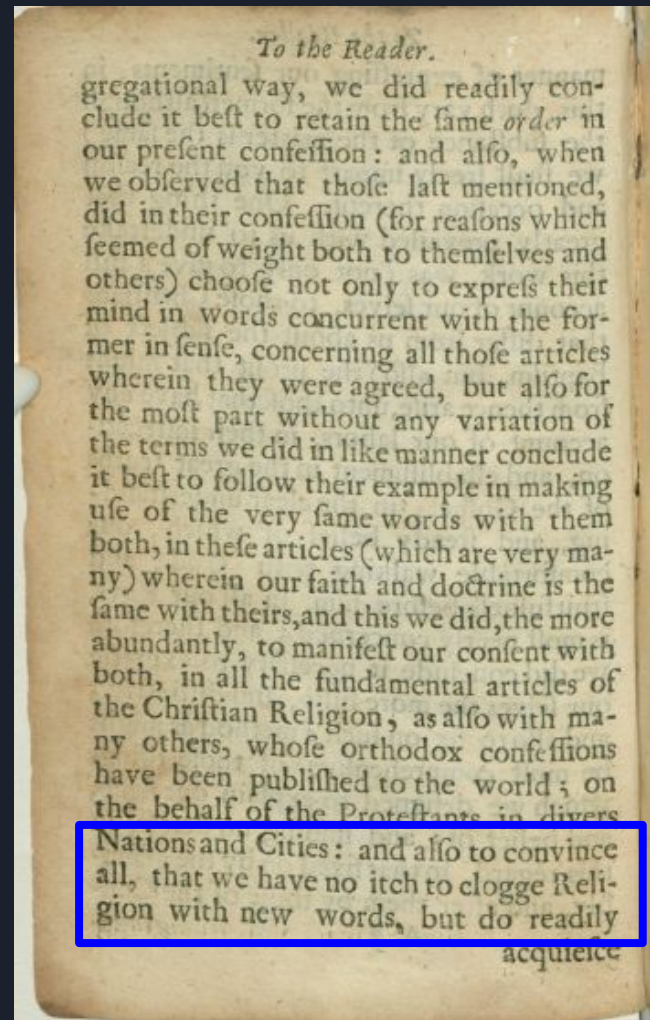
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“We have no itch to
clog religion with new
words.”

- Preface to the Second
London Baptist Confession
(1677)





What are arguments against covenantal baptism of infants?

- We see believers being baptized in the New Testament.
- We see people being *immersed* in water, not sprinkled.
- “Household baptisms” don’t clearly include children unable to articulate faith.
- The Bible never links circumcision with baptism directly as a “sign of the covenant.”
- Circumcision is fulfilled in a spiritual sense by “circumcision of the heart.”
- Paedobaptists are inconsistent in their application. Why not baptize grandchildren or even employees?
- How can one be “in the covenant of grace” but not saved?



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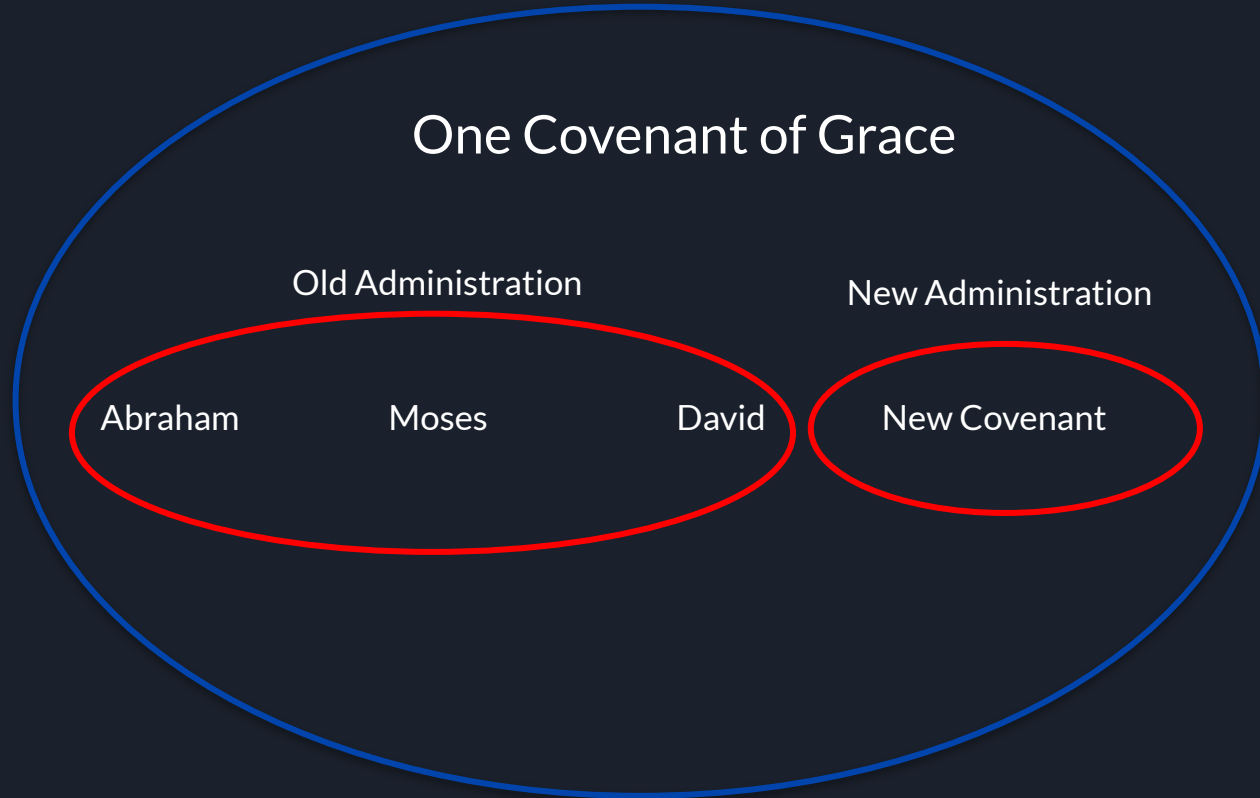
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“One substance, two administrations.” (WCF 7.6)





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The Abrahamic Covenant

- Genesis 12— the covenant promised
- Genesis 15— the covenant “cut”
- Genesis 17— the covenant confirmed and given a seal
- Romans 4:11
- Galatians 3–4



A Baptist Covenantal Response

1. The Administrations are Radically Different

What's new about the new covenant? (Hebrews 8)

“But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.”

- New & better sacrifice
- New & better mediator
- New & better promises
- New & “better” members
- New & better sign

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2. The “Substances” are Different

Covenant of Grace *promised* (Gen 3:15)
and “revealed in farther steps.”



“1689 Federalism”