



# Baptist Covenant Theology

Covenant Theology Lesson 4

# Spectrum of Views on the Covenants



Classic  
Dispensationalism

Progressive  
Dispensationalism

New Covenant  
Theology

Progressive  
Covenantalism

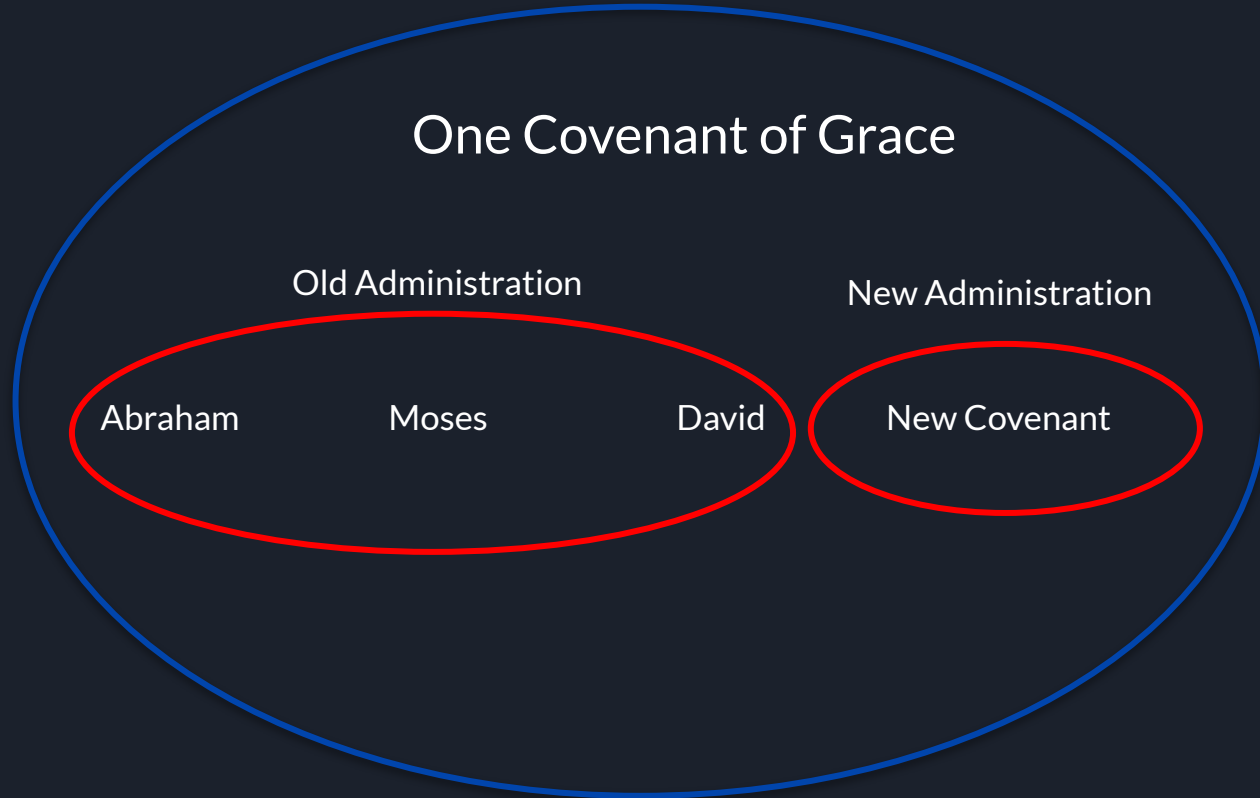
Baptist Covenant  
Theology  
("1689  
Federalism")

Paedobaptist  
Covenant  
Theology



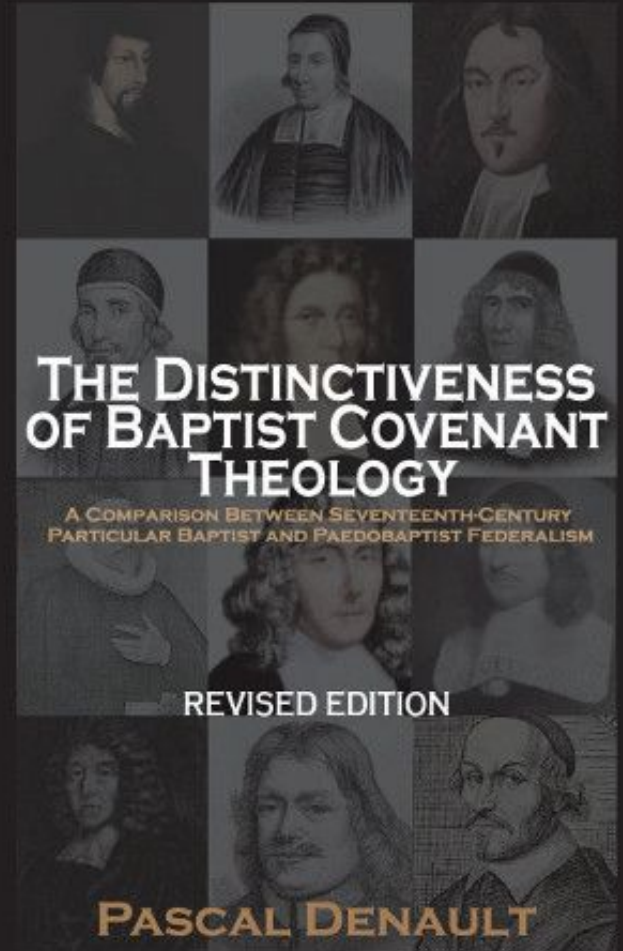
# Paedobaptist Covenant Theology

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



# “1689 Federalism”

- [1689federalism.com](http://1689federalism.com)
- *The Distinctiveness of Baptist Covenant Theology* (2013)
- *Recovering a Covenantal Heritage* (2014)
- *The Mystery of Christ* (2019)





# A Baptist Covenantal Response

“1689 Federalism”

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

**Old Covenant**

Abraham

Moses

David

One Covenant of Grace

New Covenant



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## Disclaimers

- There are many demonstrations of God's grace in the old covenant
- Old Testament believers are saved only by faith in the promises of the coming Savior



# 1. The Covenant of Grace = The New Covenant

- Hebrews 8:6–13
  - Christ *mediates* only the new covenant
  - Christ *enacts* the promises
  - Two covenants, not two administrations
    - “First” and “second” covenants
- Hebrews 9:15

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(Eph 2:12)

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## 2. The Abrahamic Covenant is the Old Covenant

- Genesis 15 – unconditional promises
- Genesis 17 – conditional promises (v. 9, 10, 14)
  - Acts 7:8
  - John 7:22–23
  - Galatians 5:2–3
- The new covenant is “not like the one they broke” (Jer 31:31)
- The old covenant of circumcision is obsolete (Heb 8:13)

Promised Land & Nation





# Conclusion

## Abrahamic vs. New Covenant

- Different covenants
- Different substances
- Different promises