

What is Reformed Theology
Covenantal Theology (Federal Theology) Applied
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Acts 2:38-41

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

Galatians 3:27

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Colossians 2:9-13

For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Matthew 28:19-20

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Household Baptisms: Acts 10:47-48 Cornelius, Acts 16:15 Lydia, Acts 16:33, Philippian Jailer, Acts 18:8, 1 Corinthians 1:16 Stephanus

Big Question: How does the Old Testament relate to the New Testament, and how should we understand who we are in relation to them?

I. Continuity vs. Discontinuity

Roman Catholic, Anabaptist, Reformed/Lutheran

II. What is a Covenant?

Who initiates it?, Who sets the terms?, How long does it last?

III. The Three Covenants

- A. "Covenant" of Redemption
- B. Covenant of Works (Adam as head)
- C. Covenant of Grace (Christ as head)

IV. Unfolding Covenants

- A. Noah (Genesis 8:20-9:17)
- B. Abraham (Genesis 12-17)
- C. Moses (see Deut. 28)
- D. David (2 Samuel 7)
- E. New Covenant Continuity: Romans 11:18-24, Ephesians 2:11-19, Galatians 3:7, 14, 29, Isaiah 56

V. Continuity vs. Discontinuity

- A. Covenantal vs. Dispensational
- B. Baptism