

THE COVENANTAL PRINCIPLE

“An Overview of Covenants”

Introduction

1. The Importance of Covenant in Theology
2. The Importance of Covenant in Biblical Understanding

Definition

1. More than a contract.
2. A solemn, mutual agreement between men.
3. A promise and command from God to which man may conform to for his blessing or rebel against to his cursing.

Purpose

1. They define the plan of redemption.
2. They express the intent of God and the requirement of man.
3. They make possible our sharing in the divine nature (2 Pet 1:3-5).

Nature

1. They are unconditional (Gen 9:11 “*I will . . .*”) or conditional (Ex 19:5 “*If . . . then*”).
2. They often dovetail into each other (i.e., overlap).
3. They compound and complete.

Structure

1. Words or promise of the covenant.
2. Blood of the covenant.
3. Sign or seal of the covenant.
4. Blessing
5. Cursing

Classification

1. Everlasting
2. Edenic
3. Adamic
4. Noahic
5. Abrahamic
6. Mosaic
7. The Land
8. Davidic
9. New