

# **Covenant Theology: A Baptist Distinctive**

## Lesson Two

### **What is Covenant Theology?**

*“Covenant Theology, simply stated, is the view of God and redemption that interprets the Holy Scriptures by way of covenants. The Bible knows of only one Savior. In both the Old Testament and New Testament, there is only one way of salvation: by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. The triune God is a covenant God who deals savingly with humanity through covenants... Though there is much discussion of the definition of a covenant, a divine covenant denotes a solemn arrangement divinely imposed, which places binding obligations upon the parties of the covenant. It is in this way that salvation is worked out in human history.”*

### **What is Theology?**

### **What is very often the source of good Theology?**

### **Good Questions**

*“Is there more than one Gospel?”*

*“Does God have one or two ways of salvation, or is there more than one way of salvation?”*

*“Does God have one or two or several purposes and a contingency plan should one fail?”*

*“Is there more than one people of God from Adam to the second coming of Christ?”*

*“How is the Holy Bible to be interpreted – dispensationally, covenantally, or by forging a hybrid of both?”*

*“Is there not continuity and discontinuity between the Old and New Testaments?”*

*“Why has Covenant Theology been deemed the correct way of interpreting Holy Scripture?”*

**Why are words important? Must we use language that is not in the Bible to convey certain Scriptural truths?**

### **Homework**

**On a separate piece of paper, define the following words/phrases:**

<b>Canon</b>	<b>Omnipresence</b>	<b>Hypostatic Union</b>	<b>Monergism</b>	<b>Continuationism</b>
<b>Inerrancy</b>	<b>Omniscience</b>	<b>Peccability</b>	<b>Synergism</b>	<b>Humanism</b>
<b>Epistemology</b>	<b>Aseity</b>	<b>Impeccability</b>	<b>Depravity</b>	<b>Liberalism</b>
<b>Hermeneutics</b>	<b>Incomprehensibility</b>	<b>Ascension</b>	<b>Dichotomy</b>	<b>Annihilationism</b>
<b>Homiletics</b>	<b>Providence</b>	<b>Evolution</b>	<b>Trichotomy</b>	<b>Excommunication</b>
<b>Monotheism</b>	<b>Theodicy</b>	<b>Anthropology</b>	<b>Legalism</b>	<b>Eschatology</b>
<b>Polytheism</b>	<b>Christology</b>	<b>The Fall</b>	<b>Antinomianism</b>	<b>Rapture</b>
<b>Theology</b>	<b>Passibility</b>	<b>Soteriology</b>	<b>Pneumatology</b>	<b>Millennium</b>
<b>Omnipotence</b>	<b>Impassibility</b>	<b>Spiritual Union</b>	<b>Cessationism</b>	

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