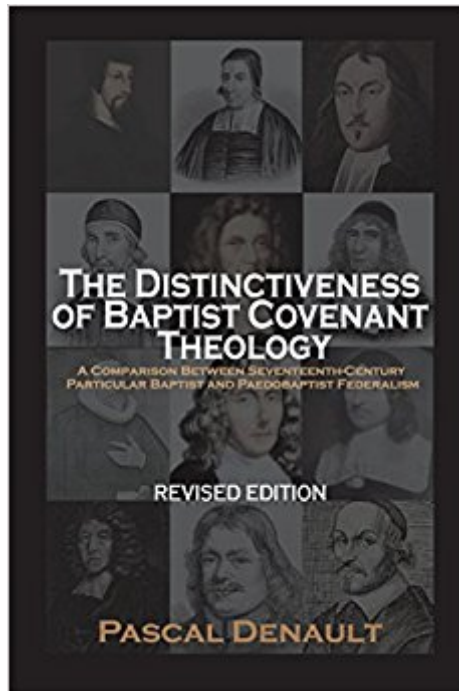




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# The Distinctiveness Of Baptist Covenant Theology: Revised Edition



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"Pascal Denault deserves many thanks for his labor in researching and describing the nuances of English covenant theology in the Seventeenth Century. He has uncovered significant factors contributing to the differences between Presbyterian and Particular Baptist thought and practice, describing theological categories in easily accessible terms." - James M. Renihan, Ph.D., Institute of Reformed Baptist Studies "I pray that this work will contribute to the raising up of more reformed covenantal baptist churches which avoid the errors of dispensationalism, theonomy, the Federal Vision, and law/gospel errors. It is worthy to be read by all concerned." - Fred A. Malone, Ph.D., author of 'Baptism of Disciples Alone' "Not only do I think that this is an excellent and valuable resource. I believe it is one of the best upon this subject. This is such an informative and helpful book that I pray that our covenant Lord providentially places this book into the hands of every student of covenant theology." - Jeffrey D. Johnson, author of 'The Fatal Flaw of the Theology Behind Infant Baptism'

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I have known for years that there was a logical flaw in the "one covenant of grace under two administrations" model of covenant theology, but was unsure of what it was. Denault has hit on the head. And while Denault may not be definitive in his analysis, his work is the best yet for those of us who have adopted the Second London Baptist Confession of faith as our own confession with regard to the distinctiveness of Reformed Baptist view of Federalism. I highly recommend this book!

When I got this book, I was the typical, current Reformed Baptist pastor. That is, adhering to Presbyterian covenantalism, and then taking the last possible exit ramp 30 miles an hour too fast in order to avoid infant baptism. This book has changed my thinking, but really only by pulling a lot of things together that have been dangling as loose ends in my mind for years. I'm very thankful to have had the opportunity to read this. Frankly, I hope that a lot of Reformed paedobaptists will read it as well, if only to better understand their brothers.

As has been stated by other reviewers, this book is a much needed book on covenant theology from the viewpoint of the 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith (LBCF). The major premise of this book is that the 17th century debate on baptism between paedobaptists and credobaptists wasn't just over the mode of baptism, but also the covenant theology that undergirds baptism. This means that Ch. 7 in the LBCF was purposely written in such a way to distinguish their covenant theology from the Westminster Confession of Faith. Whereas the Westminster Confession of Faith modeled their covenant theology as one covenant with multiple administrations, the LBCF seems to model their covenant theology from a "promised/revealed" framework. The consequence of these differences in covenant theology not only produced differing doctrines of baptism, but also produced differences in ecclesiology as well. This book is highly recommended for (1) confessing Reformed baptists who would like to understand Ch. 7 of their confession more clearly, (2) credobaptists who are interested in different formulations of covenant theology, and (3) paedobaptists who would like to understand their differences and similarities with consistent credobaptists more clearly. Another note to mention: The book is meant to be a historical theology of this topic so you should not expect

to see much exegesis of passages here. For exegesis, I would suggest a reading of Covenant Theology: From Adam to Christ by Nehemiah Coxe or The Kingdom of God: A Baptist Expression of Covenant and Biblical Theology by Jeffrey D. Johnson

Give that man a Ph.D! He's earned it! Wow. Coming from a more "Traditionalist" Baptist culture, I have been researching and trying to patch together exactly what Covenant Theology is and is not. This book is extremely good at details when it needs to be details and pulling back when it needs to pull back. I really enjoyed it and I also enjoyed that it is concise; I didn't need a week to read it, just a good evening of reading.

A great explanation of the covenants with distinctives of Baptist and Presbyterian views juxtaposed for clarity. I found the conclusion very helpful to understand that the church-state context in which Presbyterian covenant theology was developed likely had an influence on it's creation. Society influencing our theology...hmm.

Helpful look at the distinctives between the Baptist and Presbyterian view of the Covenant of Grace. Has application not only for the form of baptism but the understanding of the unconditional nature and effectiveness of the New Covenant itself.

This book was very helpful in distinguishing the differences in the two views of covenant theology. While it isn't an overly long book it is a very rich book that I had to read in smaller chunks. Looking forward to seeing the differences in the newly released revised version.

Excellent book for anyone wanting to know what the difference is between 1689 Federalism (Baptist) and Westminster Covenant Theology (and 20th Cent. Reformed Baptist Theology).

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