**Q55. What is a divine covenant?**

A divine covenant is a relational agreement initiated by God that may include obligations, rewards, and/or punishments from Him.

1. In the lesson tonight, Pastor Matt said, “Creation is God’s creation. God owns everything, and as Owner-Creator, God does what He wills with creation.” What are your thoughts on this statement in how it relates to creation in general and your own life?
2. Why is it important we acknowledge God’s word as supremely authoritative, seek to understand it correctly, and fully submit to it in all things?
3. Sam Renihan writes that, “Studying covenant theology is a devotional experience that enriches one’s understanding of the unity of God’s purposes, enhances preaching from any text, informs one’s understanding of the church, assures God’s people of the security of their salvation, and much more. But above all, studying the covenant theology of the Bible magnifies the majesty of the triune God’s plan of redemption.”

* There are many things we covered tonight that will make more sense as we continue on in this series. What did you hear tonight that has you interested to know more?
* Looking at the *divine covenants* image in the handout notes, what covenants are you most intrigued by?
* Who has purchased (or plans to purchase) the Sam Renihan book, THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST, HIS COVENANT, AND HIS KINGDOM? I want to encourage you to consider doing that so that you can have a deeper understanding and you can take a greater level of personal ownership of diving into this topic throughout the week.

1. What is Covenant Theology? (Simple answer available in HN)
2. Historically, Christian churches and the great theologians have taught Covenant Theology extensively and carefully.

* Why do you think many modern churches and Christians tend to avoid or ignore these things?
* What are the consequences of this avoiding?
* Rather than avoidance or ignorance, what is the fruit of understanding God’s word rightly regarding these things?

1. What is a divine covenant? (Answer is catechism answer)
   * In the lesson, we heard some of the specifics of what this is getting at. Do these things/does this answer make sense? If not, what of what we heard needs some review/clarity? (Remember, understanding will grow as we see this in action over the next several weeks.)
2. What is a covenant of works? (Simple answer available in HN)
3. What is a covenant of grace? (Simple answer available in HN)
4. What is federal headship? (Simple answer available in HN)