**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. 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?

1. What is Covenant Theology? (Simple answer available in HN)

\*If you want to you can inquire if they understand the difference between “a type” and “an antitype”.

1. 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)
2. What makes a divine covenant different than any other covenant?
3. What is a covenant of works? (Simple answer available in HN)
4. What is a covenant of grace? (Simple answer available in HN)

* 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.

We are blessed to have teachers be able and willing to take us to this level of study. Our growing understanding will improve how we read God’s word and therefore will improve our understanding of God. This is a true blessing.

***Spend some time in prayer before you dismiss.***

Share your excitement for the second half of our Midweek Gathering year and ask that everyone be committed to coming and growing together.