

Understanding the Biblical Covenants

“The Covenant” is foundationally the union of love within the Triune God. The Trinitarian God has been revealing Himself throughout history. God’s covenant character is revealed in the pattern of promise and obligation in the unfolding plan of redemption, called the “eternal covenant” (Heb. 13:20). His one redemptive Oath guiding cosmic history (Eph. 3:10-11) has been administered through the biblical “covenants of promise” (Eph. 2:12): Adamic, Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic, and supremely and finally declared in the New Covenant, fulfilled through the One Mediator, Jesus.

Covenant (Administration)	1) Rites	2) Relatives	3) Reign
Creation/Adamic	Tree of Life	1Cor. 15:22	1Cor. 15:25
Noahic	Rainbow	Gen. 7:1/Heb. 11:7	Gen. 9:1
Abrahamic	Circumcision Sacrifices/Meals	Gen. 17:9-13	Rom. 4:13
Mosaic	Passover Meal	Ex. 12:24	Ps. 66:4
Davidic	Scepter/Throne	Ps. 89:3-4	Ps. 102:13–15
New Covenant	Baptism (entrance) Lord's Supper (continuance)	Acts 2:39 1Cor. 10:17 1Cor. 12:13	Eph. 6:2-4

Area	Aspect	Distinctive	
Worship	Renewal of Covenant	Call Confession Consecration Communion Commission	Sacraments
Church	Membership Covenant	Relationships	Discipline/Excommunication
Marriage	Covenantal Character	Headship	Divorce/Remarriage
Children	Inclusion in Covenant	Nuture/Admonition in Xr	Promise Parenting
Civil Government	State is Covenantal	Sphere Sovereignty	Reformation
Vocation	Covenant Restoration	Unified Worldview	Not in Vain
Future	Covenant Fulfillment	Kingdom	Resurrection