

# Five Theological Frameworks

|   | COVENANT THEOLOGY  |                   |  | New Covenant<br>Theology (1990)  | Progressive<br>Dispensationalism<br>(1985)   |
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|   | WCF (1646)   | LBCF2 (1689)      | Progressive<br>Covenantalism<br>(2000)   |  |  |
| HERMENEUTIC   | Historical-Grammatical-Typological   |                   |  | Christocentric   | Historical-Grammatical-<br>Literary-Theological  |
| NEW COVENANT RECIPIENT                                  | Church   |                   |  |  | Israel   |
| CHURCH  | The typological fulfillment of Spiritual Israel, the continuation of God’s covenant people from the Old to the New Testament, with the Church as the true Israel united to Christ. |                   |  | The Church is not a fulfillment of a type, but the true, regenerate Israel of God.         | The Church is completely separate from Israel.   |
| ISRAEL’S PROMISES                                       | Fulfilled in the Church as Spiritual Israel, with continuity of God’s covenantal promises.   |                   | Progressively fulfilled in Christ and the Church, building on God’s promises to Israel and continuing into the Church. | Fulfilled in Christ, with the Church distinct but receiving blessings of the New Covenant. | Remain intact but are fulfilled in Christ and the Church, with fulfillment never nullifying the original promises to Israel. |
| WAS THERE AN OT CHURCH?<br>AND HOW WAS THE LAW DIVIDED? | Yes, Israel was the OT Church, and the Law was Tripartite (Moral, Civil, Ceremonial).  |                   | No, Israel was not the OT Church, and the Law was Monolithic.  |  |  |
| CHRISTIAN ETHICS  | The Moral Law is the basis for Christian ethics.   |                   | The Law of Christ is the basis for Christian ethics.   |  |  |
| JUSTIFICATION IS BECAUSE OF...                          | Christ’s atonement and also His life of perfect obedience to the Law.  |                   | Only Christ’s atonement.   |  |  |
| COVENANT OF WORKS                                       | Pre-lapsarian  |                   | No, there is no Covenant of Works, nor Covenant of Grace.  |  |  |
| COVENANT OF GRACE                                       | A, M, D, & New Covenants   | New Covenant only |  |  |  |
| CHURCH MEMBERSHIP                                       | Elect + Non-Elect  | Elect Only        |  |  |  |