Covenant Theology

Doctor of Ministry Program

Ligonier Academy

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Course Outline

I. The Big Idea: Introducing Covenant Theology
II. Two Mothers: New Testament Interpretation of the Old Covenant
III. A New Covenant: Continuity and Contrast
IV. From Scripture to System: Three Over-Arching Covenants
V. Lord and Servant of the Covenant: God, Man, and the God-Man
VI. Providence and Covenant: Noah and the Common Grace Covenant
VII. Covenant People: Israel and the Church
VIII. Signs and Seals of the Covenant: Baptism and the Supper
IX. New Covenant Obedience
X. The New Covenant and the Consummation

Required Reading:

Herman Witsius, The Economy of the Covenants Between God and Man: Comprehending a Complete Body of Divinity, 1677 (reprint Escondido: The den Dulk Christian Foundation: 1990);

Geerhardus Vos, Biblical Theology: Old and New Testaments (Banner of Truth);

Michael Horton, Introducing Covenant Theology (Baker);

People and Place: A Covenant Ecclesiology (Westminster John Knox);

Grading:

- 1 brief (2-3 page) synopsis of the readings prior to the course, with questions for discussion in class (culled by the professor according to each day’s topic/s);
- 10-page paper on any topic related directly to the covenantal motif or covenant theology: exegetical, historical, systematic, or practical. Due December 1, 2010.