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CHRIST PROGRESSIVELY REVEALED

by Francis Roberts

The same Christ is revealed in all the covenants since the Fall. They are as many cabinets one within another, but Christ the jewel within them all. All their promises lead to him and center in him; all their commandments refer to him; all their ceremonies typify him; all their sacraments signify him; all their ordinances magnify him, etc. But in every [one] of them how differently is the same Christ represented!

Whatever accidental or circumstantial of foregoing covenants of faith from time to time were abolished upon the commencement of more perfect federal administrations, yet all the essentials and substantial of them still remain, the former being still confirmed by, yea comprised in the later, as more complete and perfect. God proceeds in all his covenants, from first to last, from the more imperfect to the more perfect, till at last he had brought in the most perfect new covenant. As Ezekiel’s wheels were a wheel within a wheel (Ezk. 1:16) or as the celestial orbs are supposed to be orb within orb from the lowest to the highest, so God’s covenants are, as it were, covenant within covenant, from the least to the greatest; the later being still fuller and larger than the former.

Jesus Christ was represented, in the first covenant, as the seed of the woman; in the second, as the true Noah; in the third, as the seed of Abraham; in the fourth, as the seed of Israel; in the fifth, as the seed of David; in the sixth, as the true David; in the seventh, which is the new covenant, as actually God-man, Immanuel, God-with-us.

In the first covenant, God promised that this seed of the woman should bruise the serpent’s head (Gen. 3:14, 15); in the second, that this true Noah should save an elect remnant (Gen. 6:18, etc.); in the third, that this seed of Abraham should bless all nations and be a priest like Melchizedeck (Gen. 22:8; 14:18, etc.); in the fourth, that this seed of Israel should bless and guide Israel and be their great prophet like Moses (Deut. 18:15-20); in the fifth, that this seed of David should reign over the house of Jacob, the church, forevermore (Ps. 132:11; Lk. 1:32, 33); in the sixth, that this true DAVID should redeem his captives, reunite them into one kingdom, and be their shepherd, prince and king forever (Ezk. 37:20-28); and in the seventh, that this God-man Jesus Christ actually exhibited, should bless all nations as well as the Jews, discipling them and incorporating them into the same Church-body with them, writing his laws in their hearts, etc. (Gal. 3:13, 14; Mt. 28:18-20; Eph. 3: 6, etc.; Heb. 8:10-12).

In all these covenants before the new covenant, there were certain accidentals and circumstantial belonging to the outward form of administration peculiar to those times and people, which were vanishing and are done away—as sacrifices, circumcision, Passover, and the four extraordinary sacraments, with all the Levitical ordinances, rites, ceremonies and administrations under the old covenant. But yet the substantial of all these covenants still remain and have their chief accomplishment in the new covenant, as the Scriptures abundantly testify of all these covenants severally. Compare (1) Gen. 3:14, 15 with Heb. 2:14, 15; Col. 2:14, 15; Rom. 16:20; (2) and Gen. 6:18, etc. with 1 Pet. 3:20, 21; Heb. 11:7, (3) and Gen. 22:18; 12: 3 with Acts 3:25, 26; Gal 3:13, 14, (4) and Deut. 5 2, etc.;
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Ezk. 36:25, 26, etc.; Jer. 24:5, 6, 7 with Heb. 8:10, 11, 12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and FACULTY NEWS

Rev. James T. Dennison, Jr., Academic Dean and Professor of Church History and Biblical Theology. The third volume of the Reformed Confessions of the 16th and 17th Centuries in English Translation will be published (d.v.) at the end of the year. It will include 23 confessions from 1567 to 1599. Rev. Dennison has also finished editing the copy for the fourth and final volume from 1603 to 1693 (including the Westminster Standards). Volume four is projected to be published in 2013.

Rev. Dennison contributed “What Should I Read on Jeremiah?” to the May Kerux (kerux.com). This article evaluates the current commentaries on the book of the prophet and provides recommendations on those most helpful (see also “Preaching Resources” at nwts.edu). The May Kerux also contains his article on anti-eschatology in the book of Daniel as well as a review of an important book on the epistle to the Hebrews by Antonio Portalatin.

Dr. Bill Dennison, Professor of Apologetics and Systematic Theology, taught Apologetics for MTI-OPC this Spring, finishing in May. The course was open to teaching and ruling elders in the OPC.

Rev. J. Peter Vosteen, Professor of Homiletics, now the associate pastor at Lynnwood OPC, also fills pulpits at neighboring Reformed Churches. In addition, he continues his duties as volunteer chaplain at the men’s shelter of the Everett Gospel Mission.

Scott F. Sanborn, Professor of Systematic Theology, has contributed to the May Kerux (kerux.com) “Did Paul Really Teach Republification as ‘Defined’ by VanDrunen?”. It is the first (d.v.) in a series of responses to Dr. David VanDrunen on merit and the republication of the covenant of works in the Mosaic covenant.

SERIES ON THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

Audio lectures on the book of Jeremiah (including maps, charts, and handouts) are available on the NWTS website (nwts.edu). Prof. Jim Dennison provides rich historical background to andillumination of the divinely inspired prophesies of the book of Jeremiah. Don’t miss out on this wealth of material. The series will resume in the fall, continuing every Thursday evening at 7:30pm, beginning September 6, 2012 (the first Thursday of the fall semester).

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