

Theological Foundations Afternoon (Lesson 14) – Infant Baptism and the Covenant

IS INFANT BAPTISM SCRIPTURAL?	MAJOR PREMISE	MINOR PREMISE A	MINOR PREMISE B	INITIAL CONCLUSION	ADDITIONAL PREMISE	FINAL CONCLUSION
ARGUMENT FROM THE NATURE OF THE COVENANT	The Old and New Covenants are one is substance, ¹ such that any change of administration must have clear Scriptural warrant. ²	The Old Covenant included professing believers ¹ and their children. ²	The NT nowhere revokes (but rather reinforces) ¹ the covenantal inclusion of children.	The New Covenant includes professing believers and their children.	Everyone included in the New Covenant must be baptized. ¹	All professing believers and their children must be baptized.
SCRIPTURAL EVIDENCE	¹ Same Gospel (Rom. 10:4; Gal. 3:8-9; Heb. 4:2), Same Benefits (Ps. 37:31; 103:8-13), Same Conditions (Mt. 12:41; Rom. 4:4-8), Same Savior (1 Cor. 10:4), Same Moral Law (Mt. 5:17-19), Same Hope (Heb. 11:10, 16, 35), Same Signs (Mt. 26:28; Col. 2:11-12), Same Duality (Rom. 9:6; Heb. 10:26-31; 1Jn. 2:19), Same Promise (Eph. 2:11-13, 19). <hr/> ² Dt. 12:32; Acts 10:10-16.	¹ Adam (Gen. 3:20-21), Noah (6:8-9), Abraham (Gen. 15:6), Moses (Ex. 12:48-49; 19:5-8). <hr/> ² Adam (Gen 3:15, 4:25), Noah (Gen. 9:9), Abraham (Gen. 17:7), Moses (Dt. 29:9-13).	¹ Acts 2:38-39; 16:31; 1Cor. 7:14; Eph. 6:1-3.	Necessarily Implied by Scriptural Premises	¹ Gen. 17:14; Ex. 4:24f; Acts 2:39.	Necessarily Implied by Scriptural Premises
BAPTIST OBJECTIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Two Covenants (Gal. 4:24-31) Obsolete/Vanishing (Heb. 8:13) Sour Grapes (Jer. 31:29-30) Unbreakable (Jer. 31:32) Elect Only (Jer. 31:33-34) Letter vs. Spirit (2Cor. 3:5f) 	OT = national & ethnic only, N/A to NT church	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Repent! (Acts 2:38) All afar off (Acts 2:39) Spouse too (1Cor 7:13) Regeneration (Jn. 3:3) Personal Surrender! Women & Servants (Gen. 17:10-13) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Logic vs. Scripture? Mixed? 	No Known Objections	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Salvation? Presumption? Lord's Supper? Dedication? Romanism?
SCRIPTURAL RESPONSES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hagar = Sinai (Use vs. Abuse) Change in Administration False Proverb (Ez. 18:1-4) Warnings! (Heb. 2:1-2; 4:1-2; 6:4-6; 10:24-31) Text (a) They = Elect? (b) Jer. 6:13 (c) Acts 18:24f. (e) Jer. 31:1 Same as NT (2Cor. 2:15-16) 	Not so! (Ex. 12:48-49; Rom. 3:1-2; 2Cor. 6:16f)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Same as OT Outward Gospel Call Adult ≠ Child (2Thes. 3:10) Same as OT (Dt. 30:6) Reduced? (Ezk 16:20f) Warrant (Gal. 3:27-28) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Trinity, etc. (Heb. 11:5f) Warnings! (Heb. 2:1-2; 4:1-2; 6:4-6; 10:24-31) 	No Response Necessary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Privilege/Duty (Rom. 3:1-4) Diligence/Hope (2Tim. 3:15) Active/Passive Sola Scriptura Mormonism?