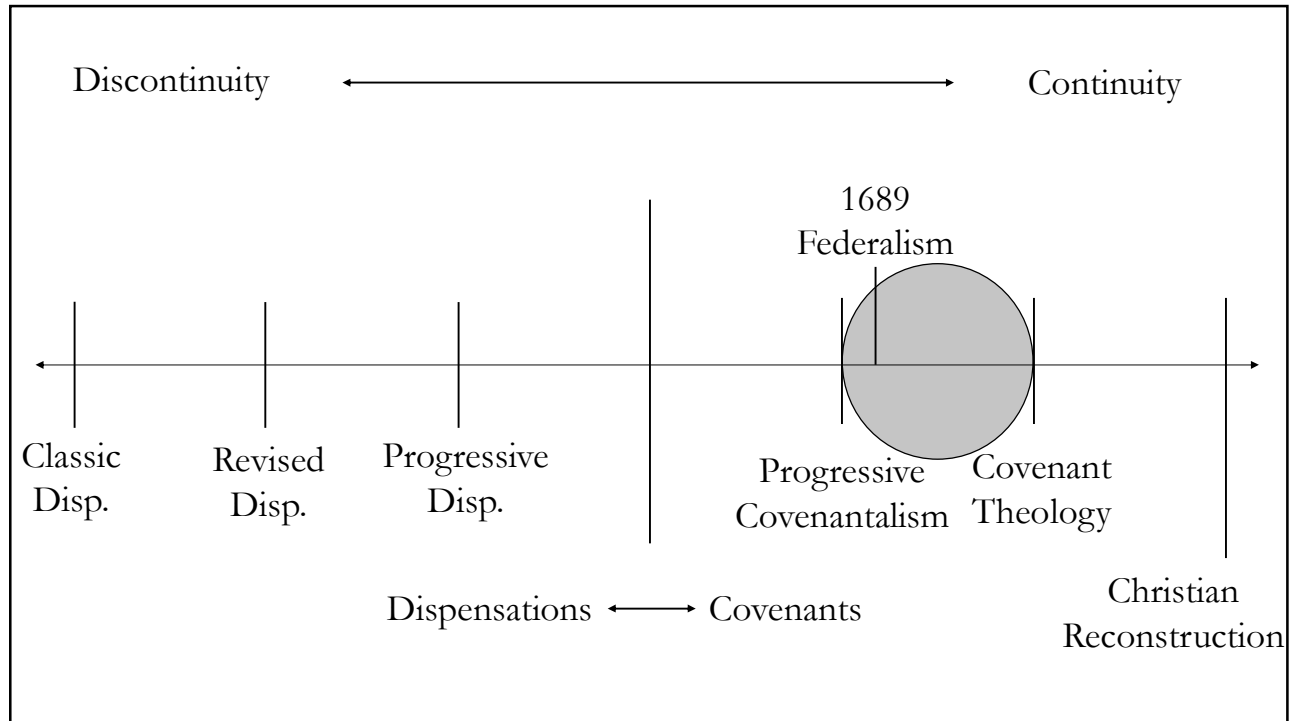


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Christian Reconstruction

- Dominion (Gen. 1:26)
- God's Law ("theonomic" reconstruction/TheoRecon)
 - Because there is no secular/sacred division and Christ is Lord over every aspect of creation, the moral *requirements* for mankind—to live rightly before God—should be reflected in the laws, institutions and regulations that *structure* mankind.
 - Sadly, this is not yet the case. Christians, therefore, should seek to expand their cultural influence in order to make it the case in fulfillment of the creation mandate to have dominion, reconstructing/restructuring society according to biblical precepts.
- Post-millennial (and Reformed)
 - This project will largely be a success and Christianity will "win out" on Earth before the second coming as the visible kingdom of God triumphs in the world.

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Justifying the Sphere

- **Promise-Fulfillment as Redemptive History's Theological Umbrella**
 - Starting with Gen. 3:15, the over-arching category *into which all of the biblical covenants fall* is promise-fulfillment, *not* (hyper) covenant-keeping (e.g., "covenant of grace"). The biblical covenants progressively advance that promise to fulfillment and do so in *substantively* different ways.
- **The Remnant of Israel as the Recipients of Eschatological Blessing**
 - The promise of restoration and salvation following judgment is announced to Israel/Judah as a whole, but the number of those who will actually experience that salvation is only a fraction of the initial whole. This remnant knows God and obeys the law.
- **The Hermeneutical Priority of the NT Over the Old**
 - Our full-orbed understanding of the Old Testament is crowned by the New Testament, which contains the fullest and final revelation of God in Christ.
 - The person and work of Christ along with the hermeneutic of the Apostles provide interpretive light revealing the message "hidden but now revealed" in the Old Testament.

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Justifying the Sphere

- **Fourfold Understanding of Abraham’s Seed**
 - Physical seed (all biological descendants—Ishmael, Esau, sons of Keturah and his concubines | Gen 25)
 - *Special*, physical seed (children in the line of promise—Isaac, Jacob, the Twelve Tribes)
 - Those who are “in Christ” (Gal. 3:29)
 - Christ (Gal. 3:16)
- **A Biblical Theology of Mystery**
 - “Hidden, but now revealed”

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Justifying the Sphere

- **Grounded and Consistent Typology**
 - Interpreting the Old Testament, and particularly prophetic promises, in a *purely* historical-grammatical fashion leaves us with an incomplete, Jewish hermeneutic that is difficult to square with how the New Testament understands the Old.
 - We must take typology and typological promises as objective, prophetic features of the Old Testament recognizable most clearly in New Testament hindsight and fulfilled in their NT anti-types.
- **Inaugurated Eschatology**
 - In Christ, the Kingdom of God has come in a two-phase, “already, not yet” redemptive drama played out on the stage of the New Covenant.

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