

## *School of Theology*

**11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

What a privilege to join several men from across our beautiful country to spend a week at the “2016 School of Theology” so fantastically hosted by all at Crosspoint Church.

Samuel Renihan did an absolutely stunning job at highlighting the Reformed Baptist position on Covenant Theology from a historical and theological perspective. Samuel clearly set out the basis of what a covenant is and then worked through the various covenants to show how each effected the lives of those who lived under those particular covenants. Samuel brilliantly taught how these covenants prepared the world for the death and resurrection of Christ, the redemption of sinners from every tribe, nation and tongue, and also how a correct understanding of Covenant Theology effects our ecclesiology.

In several of the sessions Samuel clarified our distinct Reformed Baptist understanding of the covenants by first stating what the Word teaches and then he graciously compared our position with those of “Paedo-Baptist Covenant Theology” and “Dispensationalism”.

All together, it was a refreshing time with dear brothers in the faith, a time of thought-provoking study of God’s word and gaining an ever deeper appreciation for God’s ways as He establishes his reign through his redeemed people, the church.

On behalf of all who attended, may I thank the organisers, the members and helpers at Crosspoint Church (the food and your hospitality were amazing) and Samuel Renihan for combining your giftedness to grant us all such a lovely week in Palmerston North!

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