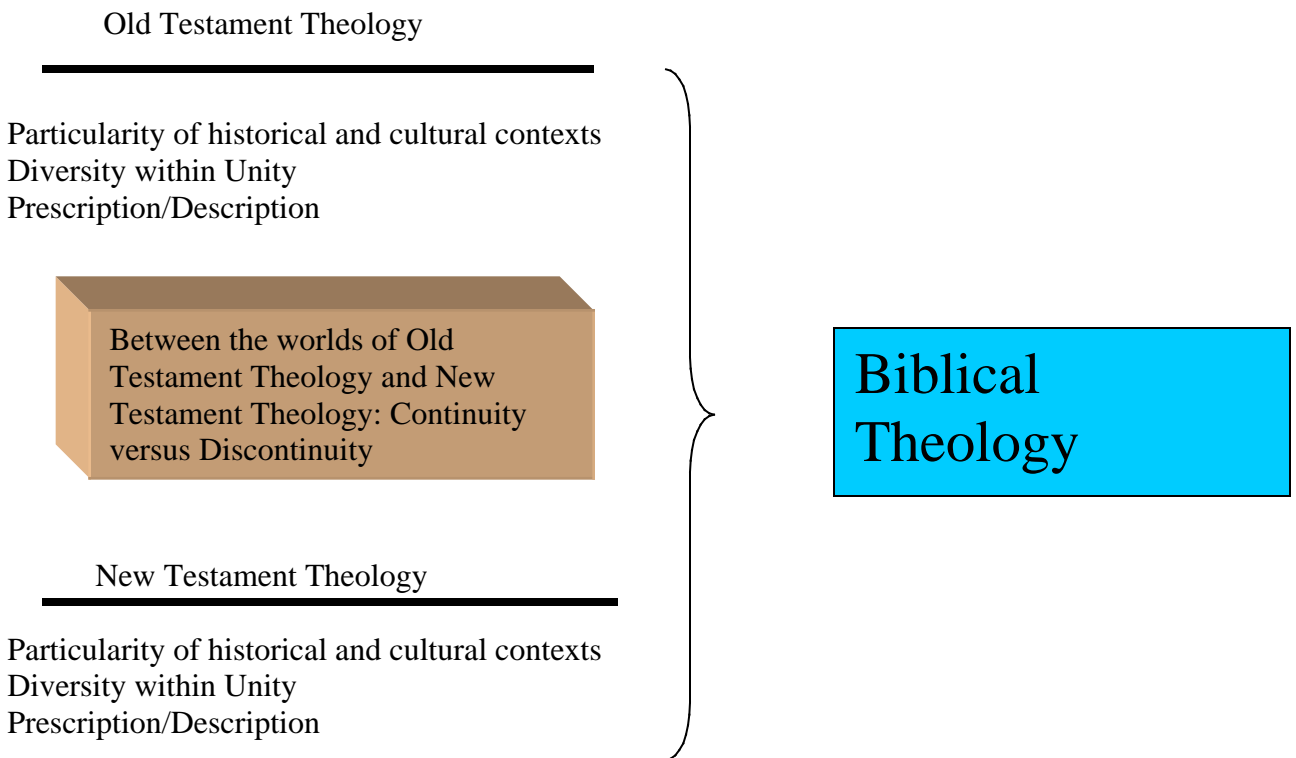


I recommend Graeme Goldsworthy, *Preaching the Whole Bible as Christian Scripture* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing, 2000), because in this book he has hit at a truth that is elementary to such things as preaching, leadership decisions, and spiritual formation. While one may not agree with everything he says, his basic truth is extremely valuable. I have set forth below something of the heart of biblical theology and its process and definition, all of which is vital to understand in his book.

Biblical Theology is defined as: “Teaching that the entire Bible contains as determined by careful exegesis and synthesized with its original form in mind. This teaching is both descriptive and prescriptive. Further, biblical theology must be done by having worked through the various layers of issues and formed its organization (unity) with the tension that arises from the diversity of exegesis and the coming of Jesus and his work (continuity and discontinuity).” This process can be understood in the chart below.



Old Testament theology or New Testament theology separately cannot be understood as “biblical theology” though it comes from the Bible. Thus, “biblical theology” takes its name from “Bible,” i.e., the whole.