

## **Covenant**

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HAVING, AS WE TRUST, BEEN BROUGHT BY DIVINE GRACE TO REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE LORD Jesus Christ and to give up ourselves to him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully covenant with each other.

1. I will protect the unity of my church
  - ...by acting in love toward other members
  - ...by refusing to gossip
  - ...by following the leaders as they follow Christ

Rom 14:19 So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.

1 Pet 1:22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,

Eph 4:29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

Heb 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

1 Cor 11:1 Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

2. I will share the responsibility of my church
  - ...by praying for its growth
  - ...by inviting the unchurched to attend
  - ...by warmly welcoming those who visit
  - ...by giving regularly
  - ...by attending members' meetings regularly

1 Thess 1:1-2 To the church.... We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers;

Luke 14:23 "And the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled.'

Rom 15:7 Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.

1 Cor 16:2 On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.

Lev 27:30 'Thus all the tithe of the land, of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S; it is holy to the LORD.

3. I will serve the ministry of my church
  - ...by discovering my gifts and talents

...by being equipped to serve by my pastors  
...by developing a servant's heart  
...by looking for opportunities to serve the mission of the church

1 Pet 4:10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Eph 4:11-12 [God] gave...some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

Phil 2:3-5, 7 ...do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus...[who] emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant...

4. I will support the testimony of my church

...by attending faithfully  
...by living a godly life  
...by being a Christian example in my home and community

Heb 10:25 not forsaking our own assembling together, ...but encouraging one another...

Phil 1:27 Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ...

Deu 6:4-9 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

1 Cor 10:31 Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Tit 2:11-12 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age.