

Membership Covenant

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, I publicly profess my commitment to Him. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, I also commit myself to this local church, and affirm my confidence in Scripture as explained in the Statement of Faith, my desire to pursue the biblical goals listed in the Mission statement, and accept the guidelines of [[NAME OF CHURCH]]'s by-laws.

1. I affirm my faith in Jesus Christ as both my Savior and Lord.

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34).

God, "even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ" (Ephesians 2:5).

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

Jesus "gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works" (Titus 2:14).

2. By God's enabling, I will pursue my own spiritual growth

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37).

"Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.... I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 2:12; 4:13).

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:1-2; also 6:11).

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

"And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:9-10).

3. By God's enabling, I will pursue only what edifies the church

"I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me" (John 17:23).

"Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor" (Romans 12:9-10).

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another" (Hebrews 10:24-25).

"Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves" (Philippians 2:2-3; also Romans 12:18; 14:19; 1 Peter 3:8-9).

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God" (Ephesians 4:11-13).

"Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear" (Ephesians 4:29; also Philippians 2:14).

"Contribute to the needs of the saints" (Romans 12:13).

4. By God's enabling, I will strive to be an effective witness to the world

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Romans 13:9).

"Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest" (John 4:35).

"He must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil" (1 Timothy 3:7).

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20).

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