

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH COVENANT

Having been justified freely by God's grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, testifying to repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ—and having publicly confessed our union with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection by Baptism—we desire to give up ourselves unto the Lord and one another, and to walk together in the fear of God as members united unto one local church.

Therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit and in obedience to the teachings of Christ, we most solemnly and joyfully surrender:

That we shall strive to be holy in all manner of living, for the temple of God is holy, and such we are, that we may be an habitation of God in the Spirit; to love one another fervently, without hypocrisy, in honor preferring one another, bearing one another's burdens, being of one accord, of one mind, rejoicing with them that rejoice, weeping with them that weep, stirring up one another to love and good works, and to warn, rebuke, exhort, comfort, edify, and encourage one another humbly and patiently; to fearfully mark those causes and causers of divisions and turn away from them in the hope of repentance and reconciliation, giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

That we shall pray for each other and for this church without ceasing, that it may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, that it may be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, being patterned after the Word and revived by the Spirit; to give this church a sacred preeminence over all institutions of human origin,

not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, but ever sustaining its worship, ordinances, disciplines, and rules; to embrace, maintain, and ever strive to learn and defend the Scriptures, yet speaking the truth in love, that we may grow up in all things unto Him who is the Head, even Christ.

That we shall lay in store our tithes and offerings for the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel; to pray for the officers of the church in the performance of their duties, obeying, submitting to, and in every way supporting our pastors, so long as they handle aright the Word of Truth, declaring the whole counsel of God; and to labor in unity to take the Gospel to every creature, to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God.

For the performance of all these duties we humbly confess our inability and readily commit ourselves to Him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless in the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only God our Savior; through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and power, before all time, now, and forever. Amen.