

## **THE COVENANT OF MEMBERSHIP OF GRACE COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH**

(1) Having been brought by the sovereign grace of God (2) to repentant faith (3) in the resurrected Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we do now (4) publicly declare our total reliance upon and allegiance to Him as (5) our Prophet, (6) Priest, and (7) King. (8) In solemn joy we covenant together (9) to worship Him and to walk in Christian love for the glory of Christ who is the Head of His body, the church.

- (1) Eph 1:3-14; 2:8-10; Tit 3:4-8; Jms 1:18
- (2) Mk 1:15; Acts 20:21
- (3) Lk 1:31-33; 2:11
- (4) Ps 22:22-25; 40:9,10; Mt 10:32
- (5) Dt 18:15-19; Mt 17:5; Acts 3:18-24; Heb 12:25
- (6) Zech 6:12,13; Ps 110; Heb 2:17; 3:1; 4:14; 5:5,6; 6:20; 7:26-28; 8:1,2; 9:11; 10:21
- (7) Acts 2:36; Eph 1:20-23; Phil 2:9-11; I Tim 6:13-16; Rev 5
- (8) Ps 65:1; Neh 8:9-12
- (9) Eph 1:20-23

We do now, (1) in the presence of the holy, omniscient, omnipotent God, and before (2) angels and (3) men, commit ourselves to (4) the Triune Lord Jehovah: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, seeking His enablement for the fulfilling of this covenant.

- (1) II Cor 2:17; 4:1,2; II Tim 4:1,2; Heb 4:13
- (2) Eph 3:10; I Pt 1:12
- (3) Mt 5:16; Heb 12:1,2
- (4) Ps 65:1; 76:11; Eccl 5:1-5; Isa 19:19-21; II Cor 13:14

We covenant together to uphold (1) the public worship of God (2) in accordance with His Holy Word: (3) not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, (4) honoring the preaching of the Word, submitting to Christ's ordinances of (5) Baptism and (6) the Lord's Supper, giving ourselves faithfully to (7) corporate prayer as well as (8) private and (9) family worship in our homes, diligently instructing and training those entrusted to our care in Biblical doctrine and conduct.

- (1) Jn 4:23,24; Phil 3:3; Heb 12:28,29; I Pt 2:5; Rev 4:8-11; 5:9-14
- (2) Dt 12:32; Acts 2:42
- (3) Heb 10:25
- (4) Rom 10:14-17; I Cor 1:21-24; II Tim 4:1-4
- (5) Mt 28:19; Acts 2:38
- (6) Acts 20:7; I Cor 10:16,17; 11:20-34
- (7) Acts 2:42; I Tim 2:1,2,8
- (8) Isa 50:4; Mt 6:6
- (9) Gen 18:19; Ex 20:8-11; Eph 5:22-6:4; Col 3:18-21; II Tim 1:5; 3:14,15

In reliance upon the grace of the living God, we hereby determine to exercise (1) a mutual care and watchfulness for one another (2) to fulfill the law of Christ: (3) striving for the good of the whole church (4) to promote the knowledge of the truth which is in accordance with godliness,

(5) exhorting and admonishing one another (6) in a spirit of meekness, and (7) praying for one another according to the will of God.

(1) Ps 122; Rom 12:3-21; I Cor 10:24,32,33; 12:20-27; Eph 4:11-16; Col 3:12-17

(2) Gal 6:2

(3) I Cor 14:12,26

(4) Tit 1:1

(5) Ps 141:5; Mt 7:1-5; Rom 15:14; I Thes 5:14,15; Heb 10:24,25

(6) Gal 6:1; Eph 4:1-3

(7) Eph 6:18-20; Phil 1:3-5; Col 4:12; I Thes 5:17

As (1) "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world", we will, by divine enablement, (2) deny ungodliness and every worldly lust: (3) perfecting holiness in the fear of God, (4) being zealous for good deeds and (5) the maintenance of a clear conscience before God and men, (6) that we might not bring reproach upon the name of our King, but rather be used of Him (7) to adorn His gospel so as to attract sinners to our (8) compassionate and willing Savior.

(1) Mt 5:13,14

(2) Tit 2:12

(3) II Cor 7:1

(4) Tit 2:14; 3:1,8,14

(5) Acts 24:16

(6) Rom 2:23,24

(7) Tit 2:10

(8) Mt 11:28-30; II Cor 5:18-6:2; I Tim 2:3,4

We agree (1) to contribute (2) freely and cheerfully (3) of our income, as God has graciously prospered us, (4) for the maintenance of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, (5) for the support of the needy, and (6) for the spread of the gospel (7) throughout the world.

(1) Dt 26; II Cor 8,9; Mk 12:41-44; Lk 12:33,34; 16:9-13; Acts 20:35

(2) II Cor 9:6,7

(3) II Cor 8:3-5; I Tim 6:17-19

(4) Gal 6:6-10; I Cor 9:7-14; I Tim 5:17,18

(5) Acts 6:1-3; Eph 4:28; I Thes 4:11,12; Tit 3:14; I Jn 3:17

(6) Lk 16:9; I Cor 16:1-4; II Cor 8,9; Phil 1:5; 4:15-20

(7) Mt 28:18-20; Lk 24:47; Acts 1:8

"(1) Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, (2) according to the power that works within us, (3) to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. (4) Amen." - Ephesians 3:20,21

(1) We affirm that our only hope for whatever good we may accomplish for Christ lies in the gracious, sovereign doings of our Lord whose ability transcends our finite pleas or aspirations.

(2) We acknowledge throughout that we are continually dependent upon the Spirit's enablement of us for our accomplishing the purposes of this covenant.

(3) We recognize God's eternal glory to be revealed in the Person of Jesus Christ who is intimately joined to His church (cf. Rev 1:12,13,20).

(4) Neh 8:6