

# *Covenant*

Having been led by the Holy Spirit and brought by Divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ and to give myself wholly to Him by receiving Him as Savior and confessing Him as Lord in baptism and testimony, I do now solemnly and joyfully covenant with God to promise, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to forsake the ways of sin and to walk in Christian love and in the paths of righteousness.

I will promise to exercise mutual care, as a member of the body of Christ toward other members, to promote the growth of the whole body in Christian knowledge, holiness and comfort; to strive with others for both the peace and purity of His Church; to sustain its worship and steadfastly cherish His ordinances, disciplines and the doctrine of the Word of God; to contribute as a faithful steward such time, talent, and money, in the measure that Christ prospers me, that the responsibility of the local church and in the worldwide ministry of spreading the Gospel be faithfully discharged; all this to the end that I may stand perfect and complete in the will of God.

I also purpose to maintain family and private devotions, to teach the Bible to my children, to seek the salvation of my family and acquaintances, to walk circumspectly in the Word to the end that I may win souls for the Lord Jesus Christ. I will endeavor to be a Christian example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity of life, remembering that God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, of love and a sound mind, that we are the light of the world and the salt of the earth, and that a city set on a hill cannot be hid.

I further purpose to give and receive admonition with meekness and affection; to remember each other in prayer, and to aid each other in case of sickness, and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, and always ready for reconciliation; to encourage one another in the blessed hope of our Lord's return. I moreover purpose that when I move from this congregation, I will involve myself, as soon as possible, with a local church where I can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of the Word of God.