

## *Our Commitment To Walk Together*

Having been brought by the grace of God<sup>1</sup> to repent and believe<sup>2</sup> in the Lord Jesus Christ, and daily relying on His grace in all things<sup>3</sup>, we solemnly and joyfully renew our commitment with each other<sup>4</sup>.

By God's Grace:

We will work and pray to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace<sup>5</sup>.

We will walk together in brotherly love<sup>6</sup>, exercise an affectionate care<sup>7</sup> and watchfulness<sup>8</sup> over each other and faithfully admonish<sup>9</sup>, exhort<sup>10</sup> and forgive one another<sup>11</sup>, as occasion may require.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together<sup>12</sup>, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others<sup>13</sup>.

We will endeavor to bring up those under our care, in the nurture and instruction of the Lord<sup>14</sup>, and by a pure and loving example<sup>15</sup> seek the salvation of our family, friends and acquaintances<sup>16</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> **Ephesians 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

<sup>2</sup> **Mark 1:14-15** Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

<sup>3</sup> **Romans 5:2** Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

<sup>4</sup> **Romans 12:5** so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

<sup>5</sup> **Ephesians 4:3** eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

<sup>6</sup> **Ephesians 5:2** And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

<sup>7</sup> **Romans 12:10** Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

<sup>8</sup> **Hebrews 3:12-13** Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. <sup>13</sup> But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

<sup>9</sup> **1 Thessalonians 5:14** And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.

<sup>10</sup> **1 Thessalonians 5:11** Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

<sup>11</sup> **Colossians 3:13** bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

<sup>12</sup> **Hebrews 10:25** not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

<sup>13</sup> **James 5:16** Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

<sup>14</sup> **Ephesians 6:4** Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

We will rejoice at each other's happiness, share each other's sorrows<sup>17</sup>, and seek with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens<sup>18</sup>.

We will seek, by God's grace, to live carefully in the world<sup>19</sup>, denying ungodliness and worldly desires<sup>20</sup>, and remembering that since we are now new creations in Christ<sup>21</sup> there is on us a special obligation to lead a new and holy life<sup>22</sup>.

We will work together using our various gifts to build a faithful gospel ministry in this church<sup>23</sup>, as we sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines<sup>24</sup>. We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations<sup>25</sup>.

We will, when we move from this place, as soon as possible, unite with some other like-minded church where we can carry out the spirit of this statement of commitment and the principles of God's Word<sup>26</sup>.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen<sup>27</sup>.

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<sup>15</sup> **1 Timothy 4:12** Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

<sup>16</sup> **Matthew 28:19-20** 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,<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

<sup>17</sup> **Romans 12:15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

<sup>18</sup> **Galatians 6:2** Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

<sup>19</sup> **Ephesians 5:15** Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,

<sup>20</sup> **Titus 2:11-12** For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,<sup>12</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,

<sup>21</sup> **2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

<sup>22</sup> **1 Peter 1:15** but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,

<sup>23</sup> **Ephesians 4:15-16** Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,<sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

<sup>24</sup> **Ephesians 4:12** to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

<sup>25</sup> **2 Corinthians 9:7** Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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<sup>26</sup> **Hebrews 10:25** not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

<sup>27</sup> **2 Corinthians 13:14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.