

BIBLICAL COMMITMENTS OF THE MEMBERS OF ADORATION CHURCH

As Christians we are saved by grace, changed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and represent Christ in the world. Therefore we have the privilege, power and responsibility to reflect the character of Christ by pursuing certain attitudes and actions as well as rejecting others. Romans 8 describes this as "living by the Spirit." The commitments set forth below are in no way meant as things that must be done to earn or keep salvation. Rather they are an attempt to explain what Scripture teaches about the glad hearted obedience that results from saving faith in Jesus Christ.

I covenant...

- 1.** To willingly and gladly place myself under the final authority and loving care of the Scriptures (Psalm 119; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21).
- 2.** To pursue the Lord Jesus Christ through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, participation in the sacraments Jesus gave his church (Baptism and Communion), and participation in the life of this church by attending weekly services and seeking to be a part of community life (Luke 18:1; Acts 17:11; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Ephesians 5:1-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22; Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:23- 25; Titus 3:14).
- 3.** By God's grace through the power of the Holy Spirit, to pursue holiness in all areas of life as an act of worship to Jesus Christ that leads to joy and satisfaction in Him (1 Peter 1:13-16, 4:1-3).
- 4.** As a member of the body of Christ, to be a functional member. I will seek to identify and manage well the resources God has given me including; time, talents, spiritual gifts and finances. As this takes shape, I will seek to worship through financial giving, service and participation in community that is sacrificial, cheerful and eager (Matthew 25:14-30; Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8-9; 1 Peter 4:10-11; 1 Cor. 12).
- 5.** To seek to protect and be a source of unity in my church. I will seek to extend grace and forgiveness to others as Christ has so extended it to me. I will not intentionally seek to be divisive by teaching anything that is contrary to the beliefs as set forth by Adoration Church. I will seek to refuse gossip and lovingly strive to lead others in the same refusal for the sake of the church and the Gospel she bears witness to (Mt. 6:14-15; Col. 3:12-13; Rom. 1:29-31; 1 Pet. 3:10; Eph. 1 & 4).
- 6.** To take serious the responsibility of praying for, seeking the good of, following and encouraging the leadership of my church. I understand there are no perfect human leaders, but nor am I and we need each other. While there may be occasions to correct a leader, I will seek to do it humbly and with grace in hopes of preserving unity and growing strong and healthy together (1 Thess. 5:12-13; Heb. 13:17).
- 7.** To lead my family in word and deed to love Jesus Christ and His church, to cherish belonging to the church as a gift, to pray together for the church, to worship together with the church, to serve together those inside and those outside the church and to grow in love for the church because Jesus gave His life for her (Rom 5:8, Eph. 6:1-4; Deut. 6:4-7).

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