

7 Covenant to Each Other and the Lord Jesus Christ

Having been led of the Holy Spirit to repent from our sin, receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and baptised in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God and this local church, sincerely and joyfully enter into this promise to each other, as one body in Christ.

In the aspect of **love**, we promise the following:

1. Love the LORD, our God, with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. (Matthew 22:37-39, Mark 12:30, Luke 10:27)
2. Increase and abound in fervent love for one another without hypocrisy. (John 13:34, 15:12, 17; Romans 13:8; 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 4:9; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 3:11, 4:7, 11; 2 John 5)
3. Serve one another through love and not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh. (Galatians 5:13)
4. Bear with one another in love. (Ephesians 4:2)
5. Be kindly affectionate and devoted to one another in brotherly love. (Romans 12:10, 1 Peter 5:14)

In the aspect of **unity**, we promise the following:

1. Not murmur or grumble against each other but to be at peace with one another. (John 6:43, Mark 9:50)
2. Be of the same mind toward one another according to Jesus Christ. (Romans 12:16, 15:5)
3. Accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)
4. Wait for one another when coming to Holy Communion. (1 Corinthians 11:33)
5. Not bite, devour and consume one another. (Galatians 5:15)
6. Not become conceited, provoking and envying one another. (Galatians 5:26).
7. Be lowly and gentle with patience, bearing with one another in love. (Ephesians 4:2)
8. Be kind, tenderhearted, graciously forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has graciously forgiven us all. (Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:13)
9. Not repay evil for evil to anyone but always pursue what is good for one another and for all people. (1 Thessalonians 5:15)
10. Not slander or grumble against one another. (James 4:11, 5:9)
11. Confess sins to one another (James 5:16)

In the aspect of **humility**, we promise the following:

1. Give preference to one another in honour. (Romans 12:10)
2. Esteem others better than ourselves. (Philippians 2:3)
3. Serve one another. (Galatians 5:13, John 13:14)

4. Be of the same mind toward one another, not being haughty but humble. (Romans 12:16)
5. Be clothed with humility and submitting to one another in the fear of Christ. (I Peter 5:5, Ephesians 5:21)

In the aspect of **family and church life** and **our relationship with the world**, we promise the following:

1. Live in godly family relationships as set out in the Word of God. (1 Corinthians 7:5, Ephesians 5:22-33, Ephesians 6:1-4)
2. Train up our children in the way of the Lord. (Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 6:4, Deuteronomy 6:6-7)
3. Not judge one another and not put a stumbling block or offence in our brother's way. (Romans 14:13)
4. Greet one another in genuine family affection. (Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:12)
5. Bear one another's burdens and to pray for one another. (James 5:16, Galatians 6:2)
6. Not lie but speak truth to one another. (Colossians 3:9, Ephesians 4:25)
7. Comfort and encourage one another concerning Christ's resurrection and the certainty of His return. (1 Thessalonians 4:18)
8. Encourage and build up one another. (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
9. Consider one another in order to stir up love and good works. (Hebrews 10:24)
10. Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. (1 Peter 4:9)
11. Deny ungodliness and worldly lusts but live soberly, righteously and godly in the present age. (Titus 2:12, 1 Peter 1:14)
12. Defend and maintain the ministry of the church by supporting and upholding the preaching of the Word of God (2 Timothy 4:2), the contending of the faith (Jude 1:3), the observing of the ordinances (baptism and the Lord's Supper) (Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 11:26), the assembling of the body (Hebrews 10:25), and the exercising of church discipline. (Matthew 18:17; 1 Corinthians 5:13)
13. Contribute cheerfully, generously and regularly to the support of the expenses of the church. (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)
14. Esteem the leadership of the Pastors by remembering them, submitting to them, supporting them, imitating them and reproving them. (I Thessalonians 5:12-13, Hebrews 13:7, 17, I Timothy 5:17-20)
15. Spread the Gospel of salvation to our family, friends, acquaintances and through all nations. (Matthew 28:18-20)
16. Do all things to the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)