

Church Covenant

KingsWay Community Church

Having been, as we trust, gripped and empowered by Divine Grace to repent and embrace Jesus Christ as blessed Lord and Savior, and having publicly declared our faith through water baptism, we freely, solemnly, and joyfully affirm our covenant with one another in response to God's abiding love for us, acknowledging the Word of God as our only infallible guide and authority under which our conscience is bound.¹

Committing ourselves wholly to God for the glory of Christ and the good of His church we resolve by Divine aid through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit that:²

We will love all whom God adds to our number without showing favoritism, while exercising affectionate care and watchfulness over each other to promote the satisfaction of the saints in the Savior.³

We will rejoice in each other's happiness, and with sympathetic tenderness bear each other's burdens and sorrows.⁴

We will fight for personal holiness through private devotion to the Word and prayer, living carefully in the world that we may be continually conformed to the image of Christ.⁵

We will diligently encourage, exhort, and admonish one another with a spirit of gentleness and meekness in our battle against sin.⁶

We will vigilantly pursue and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, esteeming others greater than ourselves and urgently seeking reconciliation when needed.⁷

Not forsaking meeting together, we will uphold the public worship of God and proclamation of His Word, the nourishment of The Lord's Supper, and the exercise of spiritual gifts.⁸

¹ Deut 7:6-8, Eph 1:4-6, Rom 10:9-10, Acts 2:38, 1 Jn 4:19, Jn 13:34-35, Ps 1:1-2, 2 Tim 3:16-17, Rev 22:18-19

² 1 K 8:65, 1 Pe 4:6-11, Eph 4:11-16, Ezek 36:25-27, Jn 16:7-11

³ Matt 22:36-40, Jas 2:8-9, Mic 6:8, 1 Cor 12:24-26, 16:13-14, Phil 3:7-11, Ps 84:10

⁴ Rom 12:15, Gal 6:2

⁵ Acts 2:42, Heb 12:14, 2 Cor 3:18, Tit 2:11-14, 1 Jn 2:15-17

⁶ See our *Commitment to Accountability and Church Discipline* as well as Matt 18:15-20, 1 Cor 5:1-13, Gal 6:1, 1 Thess 5:14, Heb 3:12-14

⁷ See our *Commitment to Confidentiality, Commitment to Peacemaking and Reconciliation*, as well as Eph 4:1-3, Rom 12:17-21, Phil 2:3-8, Matt 5:23-24

⁸ Heb 10:24-25, Acts 2:42-47, Col 3:16, Ps 22:22, Rom 10:14-17, 1 Cor 11:23-26, 1 Pe 4:6-11, Rom 12:6-8, 1 Cor 14:1

With our time and possessions, we will contribute cheerfully and faithfully to the support of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.⁹

We will honor our pastors, frequently praying for them and humbly supporting their leadership, inasmuch as we can do so in good conscience always recognizing God as our highest authority.¹⁰

We will faithfully proclaim the good news of the gospel to our family, our friends, and the nations of the world that others may be drawn by God's sovereign grace to follow Jesus.¹¹

If God leads us from this place, we will unite with another church as soon as possible where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant.¹²

We enter into this covenant with freedom and joy, not in our own strength, but in the power and strength of our Lord, who purchased us with the precious blood of His Son, to whom belongs all glory and honor now and forevermore.¹³

⁹ 2 Cor 9:6-7, 1 Cor 9:13-14, Lk 12:33-34, 3 Jn 5-8

¹⁰ 1 Tim 5:17-20, Heb 13:17, Rom 14:23

¹¹ Deut 6:4-9, Ps 78:1-7, Matt 28:19, Jn 6:44, Rom 12:1-2

¹² 1 Cor 12:12-20

¹³ Rom 8:13-14, Phil 2:12-13, Isa 53:5, Col 1:15-20,