

MEMBERSHIP COVENANT – THE VALLEY CHURCH

Having been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give up myself to him, and having been baptized upon my profession of faith, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, I do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully affirm the following statement of faith and submit to the membership covenant:

1. I believe in one God, self-existent in three Persons, co-equal and co-eternal; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe in the Bible, God's infallible Word, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, the supreme authority for faith and practice.
2. I believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, who became man, being conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. He lived a sinless life and died a sufficient and substitutionary death for his people. He arose bodily from the dead and ascended to the right hand of the Father where He is now our interceding High Priest.
3. I believe that the Holy Spirit is a Divine Person who reveals Christ, both in a ministry to the world by restraining evil and by convicting of sin, and in a ministry to the Church by indwelling, empowering, guiding, and teaching all Christians.
4. I believe that man was made in the image and likeness of God and by transgression incurred guilt before God, depravity of soul, and spiritual death. I believe in the atonement Christ provided, that those who repent and believe on Him are justified from the practice of sin.
5. I believe in the true universal Church as the Body of Christ. It is composed of all true believers in Christ. It was created by Him for worship and fellowship and is commissioned by Him to publish the Gospel to all the world.

MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

1. I will submit to the authority of scripture as the final arbiter on all issues, and to the elders of the church and diligently strive for unity and peace within.
2. I will walk together with my church in brotherly love, and as a member of a Christian church, exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness over them and faithfully admonish and entreat them as occasion may require.
3. I will assemble faithfully for worship and fellowship with the church body and pursue a close relationship with the Lord Jesus through regular Bible reading, prayer and fellowship.
4. I will faithfully share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the hope of others coming to salvation through him.
5. I will rejoice with everyone's happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear their burdens and sorrows.

6. I will seek, by divine aid, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, remembering that I have been buried with Christ in baptism and raised to walk in the newness of life.
7. I will faithfully confess sin to God and to other believers when necessary, repent, and seek help to put sin to death.
8. I will work together for the continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry in this church, as the church sustains its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines.
9. I 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 to all nations.
10. I will be bound by this church's covenant, constitution, and statement of faith in all matters pertaining to church membership and church discipline.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership at The Valley Church is entirely voluntary and may be terminated at any time for any of the following reasons:

1. Voluntary termination by any member, in good standing, upon written request of that member.
2. Transfer of membership to another church of the member's choice by letter.
3. At the discretion of the Elders of the Valley Church

Involuntary termination may result from a member failing to submit to the Elders, and when it is in the unanimous opinion of the Elders, necessary for the care or correction of the church or the member in question. The Elders, in their sole discretion, may communicate to the congregation the fact of, and reason for, involuntary termination of a member.

Having read and understood this covenant and the Valley Church's statement on the termination of membership, I profess that I have been Saved and Baptized and that I wholly and voluntarily submit myself to this covenant and statements herein.

(Signature, Covenant Member)

(Printed Name)

(Date)

(Signature, Elder in Affirmation)

(Printed Name)

(Date)