

Covenant

I. Introduction

Leader: In what way, to be of service, do we enter into Spiritual fellowship and covenant relations with God and with one another?

People: Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

II. My Duties to My Church

Leader: The great bond of our union with God and each other is this:

People: We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love.

Leader: What are our great privileges and duties in this our own church?

People: To strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality, to sustain in worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines.

Leader: These are vows which we gladly made as stewards of that which God has entrusted to us, what are they?

People: To 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 throughout all nations.

III. My Personal Life and Habits

Leader: To safeguard our homes and our loved ones, what gracious tasks do we humbly assume?

People: We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children and to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances

Leader: On behalf of the unsaved, for whom our Savior died, what manner of life and conversation are we solemnly pledge?

People: To walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment, to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger, to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drink as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

IV. My Duties to Others

Leader: Seeing that one is our Master, even, Christ, and all we are Brethren, by what fraternal ministries are we to strengthen each other and adorn the teachings of our Lord and Savior?

People: We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior to seek it without delay.

V. Conclusion

Leader: Upon moving from this city to another, what is our duty?

People: We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of the covenant and principles of God's Word.

Leader and People: Sorrowfully and with meekness of heart, we confess our past sins, as we pray for grace and strength to keep these, our Holy vows; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and for His sake

