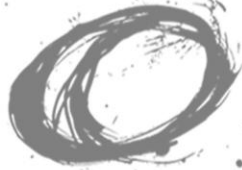


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Scriptures



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We acknowledge God's great majesty, power, and grace as the generous Giver of every good and perfect gift *{James 1:17}*, and the Initiator of covenant relationship. We also recognize our need to come into agreement with God and present ourselves to the Lord to forsake our sinful ways, abandon our carnal practices, and renew our determination to seek and to serve God with all our heart.
{2 Chronicles 15:12}

We therefore do solemnly promise to covenant with God the following..

- 1 ~ we will seek** God first and above all else. *{Matthew 6:33}*
- 2 ~ we will live pure** lives before God in our thoughts, actions, and emotions. *{1 John 2:15-17}*
- 3 ~ we will obey** the Spirit of God and the Word of God immediately and completely. *{Joshua 1:7, Galatians 5:16}*
- 4 ~ we will trust** God's plan for financial provision and blessing by giving tithes and offerings. *{Malachi 3}*
- 5 ~ we will commit** to faithfully attend the house of God and personally engage in the mission of the church. *{Hebrews 10:25, Matthew 28:18-20}*
- 6 ~ we will promote** a spirit of unity, refusing to foster any spirit such as bitterness or unforgiveness, that we may all be one. *{John 17:20-23, Ephesians 4:2,3,31,32}*
- 7 ~ we will speak** words that strengthen, encourage, and comfort; not allowing any unwholesome talk to come out of our mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up. *{1 Corinthians 14:3, Ephesians 4:29}*
- 8 ~ we will prefer** others above ourselves, treating others in the same way that God has treated us. *{Matthew 5:39-48, Romans 12:10}*
- 9 ~ we will demonstrate** the love of God in action by sharing with those in need, comforting those who are hurting, and restoring those who have fallen. *{Luke 4:18,19, Luke 10:25-37}*
- 10 ~ we will honor** God's standard for marriage and family with a lifelong commitment to cherish and appreciate our spouse, and nurture and train our children in the ways of God. *{Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 5:21-6:4}*
- 11 ~ we will examine** ourselves often by these promises, especially before the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, repenting immediately when we fail in these endeavors, and resuming our pursuit of its fulfillment. *{1 Corinthians 11:28-31}*



James 1:17 (NIV) Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

2 Chronicles 15:12 (NIV) They entered into a covenant to seek the LORD, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and soul.

Matthew 6:33 (NIV) But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

1 John 2:15-17 (NIV) ¹⁵ Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For everything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does--comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

Joshua 1:7 (NIV) Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

Galatians 5:16 (NIV) So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Malachi 3:7-18 (NIV) ⁷ Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty. "But you ask, 'How are we to return?' ⁸ "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are under a curse--the whole nation of you--because you are robbing me. ¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. ¹¹ I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the LORD Almighty. ¹² "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a

delightful land," says the LORD Almighty. ¹³ "You have said harsh things against me," says the LORD. "Yet you ask, 'What have we said against you?' ¹⁴ "You have said, 'It is futile to serve God. What did we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the LORD Almighty?' ¹⁵ But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly the evildoers prosper, and even those who challenge God escape.'" ¹⁶ Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name. ¹⁷ "They will be mine," says the LORD Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.

Hebrews 10:25 (NIV) ²⁵ Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV) ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

John 17:20-23 (NIV) ²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: ²³ I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Ephesians 4:2-3 (NIV) ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:31-32 (NIV) ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

1 Corinthians 14:3 (NIV) But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort.

Ephesians 4:29 (NIV) Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Matthew 5:39-48 (NIV) ³⁹ But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰ And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹ If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. ⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Romans 12:10 (NIV) Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Luke 4:18-19 (NIV) ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to

proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 10:25-37 (NIV) ²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" ²⁷ He answered: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" ²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." ²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' ³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" ³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV) Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Ephesians 5:21-6:4 (NIV) ²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. ²² Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. ²⁵ Husbands,

love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.²⁹ After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church--³⁰ for we are members of his body.³¹ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."³² This is a profound mystery--but I am talking about Christ and the church.³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.² "Honor your father and mother"--which is the first commandment with a promise--³ "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."⁴ Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 11:28-31 (NIV)²⁸ A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.³⁰ That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.³¹ But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment.

1 John 1:6-2:1 (NIV)⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.¹ My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have

one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

Ephesians 3:19-21 (NIV) ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Jude 1:24-25 (NIV) ²⁴ To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy - ²⁵ to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.