

Rooted Church Membership Covenant

With the guiding help of the Holy Spirit, I, the undersigned, covenant to the following:

1. I am a Christian who has been saved from my sins by the grace of Jesus Christ. I have been baptized to give testimony of my identification with the body of Christ and obedience to the Scriptures.
2. I have read, understood and hold to the Rooted Church Member Affirmation and agree to not be divisive regarding its teaching. I also understand the importance of submission to church leadership, and thus I will submit to the guidance and teaching of the elders as set forth in the Rooted Church Elder Affirmation, and, where I have questions or concerns, will offer constructive, direct input, with diligence to preserve unity and peace (Heb. 13:7, 17; 1 Tim. 5:17).
3. I will endeavor to maintain a close personal relationship with the Lord through regular personal Bible reading, prayer, fellowship and practice of the other spiritual disciplines. My journey in Christ will be evident through my regular participation in the corporate worship gatherings of Rooted Church, along with consistent involvement in Missional Communities (Ps. 119:97, 105; Acts 2:42-47; Heb. 10:23-25).
4. I will strive to properly steward the resources that God has given me, including my time, talent and treasure (Eph. 5:15-18; Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 4:1-16; Gal. 5:22-26; Pr. 3:9-10). This includes giving to Rooted Church that is sacrificial, primary, systematic and cheerful (Mt. 6:19-21; 2 Cor. 9:6-8). Likewise, I commit to using the spiritual gift(s) God has given me for the building up of the church (1 Pet. 4:10-11; Rom. 12:1-8; 1 Cor. 12:7-31).
5. I commit myself to the Rooted Church family and agree to aid in fulfilling its missional purpose to bring the gospel to our neighborhoods. I recognize that this will be accomplished by pursuing Rooted Church's mission and living out our identities and gospel rhythms.
6. I covenant to practice the humility and sacrificial attitude of Christ by considering the needs of others before my own (Phil. 2:1-11), and to pursue the unity of his church in both words and actions, building up, and not tearing down his people (Eph. 4:1-3).
7. I covenant to follow the biblical procedures of church discipline and submit myself to discipline if the need should ever arise (Mt. 18:15-17; Gal. 6:1-5, 1 Cor. 5). I realize that this covenant serves as a guideline for loving discipline designed to effect repentance and restoration, and that I cannot revoke my membership in the midst of the discipline process. I understand that absolute confidentiality in relationships with my brothers and sisters prevents obedience to Christ in the practice of biblical church discipline and therefore should not be promised or expected.
8. I covenant to submit to the authority of Scripture as the final arbiter on all issues (Ps. 119, 2 Tim. 3:16-17). God enabling me, I will strive to consider my commitment to this Membership Covenant on a yearly basis. I understand that it is an evaluative tool, as well as an affirmation of my continuing conviction and purpose. My responsibility will be to notify the Rooted Church leadership if at any time I find difficulty keeping this covenant, or if I have any questions, comments or concerns regarding Rooted Church. Should God call me elsewhere, I will strive to find a church with like doctrine and similar covenant.

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