

Proposed Sovereign Grace Church Membership Commitment

Having been brought by God's grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and having been led by the Holy Spirit to join together as members of Sovereign Grace Church, we do joyfully and willingly make the following commitments. By the grace of God...

- *We will live our lives together under the supreme authority of the Bible and we will order our lives together around the central theme of Scripture: the gospel of Jesus Christ.ⁱ*
- *We will live together in love, pursuing relationships with one another, praying for one another, rejoicing in one another's happiness and bearing one another's burdens.ⁱⁱ*
- *We will not neglect to meet together on the Lord's Day, in small group fellowship and through the various opportunities our church provides.ⁱⁱⁱ*
- *We will seek to continually and progressively grow in grace and holiness through Scripture, sacraments, fellowship and other means of grace.^{iv}*
- *We will seek to live carefully, not gratifying sinful desires and not loving the world, but through our lives providing a compelling picture of God's saving power to all who see us.^v*
- *We will proclaim the gospel through the opportunities God provides in our homes, schools, workplaces and community, and we will support Sovereign Grace Ministries and those whom the church sends to proclaim the gospel beyond our community.^{vi}*
- *We will work together to build up the ministry of this church, contributing cheerfully and faithfully of our time, talents, spiritual gifts and money.^{vii}*
- *We will honor God's plan for complementary male and female roles as well as the institution of marriage for life between one man and one woman, remembering that it reflects the greater reality of Christ and His Bride, the Church. We support the church's understanding of the Bible's teaching on divorce and remarriage.^{viii}*

- *We will remember that all human life is sacred and that children are a gift from God. We will bring up our children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.^{ix}*
- *We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit, pursuing reconciliation when offended, resisting all opportunities for gossip or slander, and welcoming others who come to correct us.^x*
- *We will exercise affectionate care and watchfulness over each other, gently restoring anyone whose practice of sin requires it, and supporting the efforts of the church and its leaders to restore straying members through corrective discipline.^{xi}*
- *We understand and support the church's teaching as provided in our class for new members, our statement of faith, our statement on church discipline, and in additional statements consistent with God's Word and adopted by the church.^{xii}*
- *We will, if we leave this church, as soon as possible unite with another church where we can carry out the spirit of this commitment, so fulfilling our desire to always be an active part of God's church until we die.^{xiii}*
- *The pastors of Sovereign Grace Church commit themselves to administer this commitment in a manner that is biblical, patient, redemptive and Christ-exalting.^{xiv}*

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

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ⁱ 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Cor. 15:3

ⁱⁱ John 13:34; Rom. 12:15; Jam. 5:16

ⁱⁱⁱ Heb. 10:24-25; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 12:14-20

^{iv} 2 Pet. 3:18; 2 Cor. 3:18; 1 Cor. 10:16; 1 Pet. 3:21

^v 1 John 2:15-17; Jam. 4:4; Matt. 5:14-16; Gal. 5:16

^{vi} Isaiah 45:22; Rom. 10:14-15; 2 Thess. 3:1; 2 Cor. 8:13-15

^{vii} 1 Pet. 4:10; 2 Cor. 9:6-8; 1 Cor. 12:7

^{viii} Gen. 1:26-28, 2:4-25; Eph. 5:22-33; Heb. 13:4; Mat. 19:1-9; 1 Cor. 7:1-40

^{ix} Gen. 1:26; Psa. 127:3-5, 139:13-18; Deut. 6:1-9; Eph. 6:4

^x Eph. 4:1-3; Pro. 17:9; Gal. 6:1; Matt. 18:21-22

^{xi} Heb. 12:3-17; Gal. 6:1-2; Mat. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5:1-13; Pro. 27:6

^{xii} Acts 2:42; Heb. 13:17; Eph. 4:11-16; 2 Tim. 1:13;

^{xiii} Heb. 10:24-25; Eph. 4:16; 1 Cor. 12:12-27; 1 Pet. 2:5

^{xiv} 1 Cor. 13:1-7; 1 Tim. 2:24-26; 1 Pet. 5:1-4.