

REDEEMING GRACE CHURCH

Membership Commitment

Having been brought by God's grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ—the very Son of God who lived, died, and rose again and who is the only way to God, salvation, the Kingdom, and eternal life (Eph 2:1-10; John 14:6),

Having professed faith in Christ and been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matt 28:18-20; Col 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21), and

Having been led by the Holy Spirit to join together with and as members of Redeeming Grace Church,

By God's grace and the guiding help of the Spirit, we do joyfully and willingly make the following commitment to one another:

1. We will live our lives together under the supreme authority of Scripture and will order our lives together around the central theme of Scripture: the gospel of Jesus Christ (Psalm 119:2; 2 Tim 3:14-17; 1 Cor 15:3).
2. We affirm and will submit to the Statement of Faith and Bylaws of Redeeming Grace Church and agree to not be divisive to its teaching and content, as well as to submit to the elders and members of the church in order to preserve unity and peace (Heb 13:17; Eph 4:1-3).
3. We will strive, by the power of the Spirit, to pursue communion with Christ and progressive conformity to Christ through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, sacraments, and other means of grace (2 Corinthians 3:18; 2 Peter 3:18; 1 Cor 9:24-27; Psalm 119:1-11).
4. We commit to regularly gather with the church for corporate worship, participate in gospel community, attend member meetings, and serve and show mercy to those inside and outside of this church (Acts 2:42-47; Titus 3:14; Heb 10:23-25).
5. We will strive to practice the humility, love, and sacrificial attitude of Christ by pursuing relationships with one another, considering the needs of others as more important than our own, praying for one another, rejoicing and weeping with one another, bearing one another's burdens, bearing with one another, pursuing reconciliation, extending forgiveness, and not gossiping, slandering, or lying to or about one another (Phil 2:1-11; Prov 16:28, 17:17; Matt 18:15-17; Col 3:8-17; 1 Pet 2:1; 1 Thess 5:14-18; James 5:16; John 13:34).
6. We will steward the resources God has given us, including our time, talents, spiritual gifts, finances, and possessions. This includes regular financial giving and service that is sacrificial, cheerful, and voluntary (Matt 25:14-30; Rom 12:1-2; 2 Cor 8-9; 1 Pet 4:10-11).
7. We will proclaim the gospel in our homes, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and community, striving to be disciples who make disciples among our neighbors and the nations. We will support and care for those whom the church sends as missionaries and church planters (Matt 28:18-20; John 20:21; Phil 1:3-5; 2 Cor 8:13-15).
8. We will strive to pursue holiness in all areas of life, not gratifying sinful desires nor pursuing things Scripture deems foolish, as an act of worship to God and to provide a compelling picture of his saving and sanctifying power to all who observe our lives (1 Peter 1:13-16, 4:1-3; Rom 13:11-14; 1 Cor 6:15-20, 10:8; Eph 5:3; 1 Thess 4:1-8; Heb 13:4; Rom 1:28-32, 13:13; Gal 5:16-22; Eph 5:18; James 3:3-18; Rom 14:14-23).
9. We will uphold, celebrate, and value the image of God in all people for all of life, born and unborn, and human sexuality as defined by the Scriptures, which are reflected and expressed in God's good design of male and female, singleness and marriage, and people from every tribe, language, and nation (Gen 1:26-27, 2:24-25; Eph 5:22-33; Gal 3:28-29; 1 Cor 7:6-10).
10. We will exercise affectionate care and watchfulness over one another, gently correcting and restoring one another when needed. With the goal of restoration, we will follow the biblical principles of church discipline, as outlined in our Bylaws, and submit ourselves to formal discipline if the need should ever arise (Matt 18:15-17; Gal 6:1-5; Heb 3:12-13).
11. We will, should we leave this church, notify the elders and seek to unite with another church as soon as possible, where we can carry out the spirit of this commitment and the principles of God's word.

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

Adopted: April 18, 2021

By God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, I will strive to fulfill my commitment to the members of Redeeming Grace Church. I understand this is an affirmation of my continuing conviction, confession, and purpose. My responsibility will be to notify the elders of Redeeming Grace Church if, at any time, I can no longer uphold this commitment, or if I have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding our church.

Name

Signature

Date

The elders of Redeeming Grace Church commit themselves to not only uphold and administer this commitment in a manner that is biblical, patient, loving, redemptive, and Christ-exalting, but also to set an example and join you in fulfilling the responsibilities of church membership.

Elder Name

Signature

Date