

# PARADISE CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to repent of our sins and having received the free gift of God's grace by putting faith in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ, believing on Him as Lord, God, King and Savior, and on profession and possession of our faith as evidenced by a new spirit and a changed life, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit by total immersion, we do now, in the presence of God, the holy angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort, to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to give it a sacred preeminence over all institutions of human origin; and 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 through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and private devotions; to religiously educate our children; to see the salvation of our kindred, acquaintances, and all others, to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful to our engagements, and exemplary in our deportments; to avoid all tattling and backbiting as well as any action that causes disunity or harm to the body of Christ, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Lord as we seek to live lives that glorify Jesus Christ.

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 of speech; to be slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior, and to secure reconciliation without delay.

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

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**Prospective Member**

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**Paradise Church Representative**