



MEMBER COVENANT

A Church United Together

As members of SOVEREIGN HOPE CHURCH, we affirm this covenant with one another by God's grace, for our good and ultimately, for God's glory.

Having both been led by the Holy Spirit through divine grace to repent and believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviorⁱ and having been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit on the profession of our faith,ⁱⁱ we covenant together to glorify God by delighting in Him as our treasure above all thingsⁱⁱⁱ and by learning and teaching others to hold fast to the hope of Christ's return.^{iv}

Together, we will draw near to God in worship^v as we hold fast to the hope set before us^{vi} and joyfully submit to the Word of God as the all-sufficient authority for our lives.^{vii} We will gather together in our common union in the Spirit^{viii} and we will engage the lost in our common love for the gospel, so that they too may turn from darkness to light.^{ix} We will participate regularly in the celebration of the Lord's Supper as we remember Christ's work on the cross and anticipate His future return for His bride.^x

Together, we will spur one another on to love and good works^{xi}. We will meet with one another consistently^{xii}, pray for one another regularly^{xiii} and serve one another selflessly^{xiv}. We will strive to love each other purely by recognizing the love of Christ and the work of the Spirit in the lives of others^{xv}. We will edify one another with our speech^{xvi} and encourage one another with our examples^{xvii} as we share each other's joys and bear each other's burdens.^{xviii} We will consider each other's interests above our own^{xix} by humbly and gently confronting one another, receiving correction from one another and pursuing reconciliation with one another^{xx} as we seek to obey our Lord and remain unstained from the world^{xxi}.

Together, we will guard and protect the doctrinal unity and purity of this church^{xxii}. We will adhere to our church's position on primary theological issues as laid out in our *Statement of Faith* and will not be divisive over secondary issues. We will test the instruction from the Scriptures given by the elders of our church in a biblical manner^{xxiii}, while humbly submitting to their God-ordained role of shepherd in our lives^{xxiv}. We will honor the commands of Scripture and the leadership of this church by assuming individual responsibility to know Christ deeply and His Word richly^{xxv} in a reproducible way. As new believers are added to this church family, we will work together to teach them all that Christ has commanded them to do.^{xxvi} We will give cheerfully and generously to the support of this church, the aid of the needy and the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth.^{xxvii} We will seek to grow together toward biblical unity as long as we are in fellowship on this earth. If we move from this local body, we will unite with another local church as soon as possible where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.^{xxviii}

May the grace and the love of our sovereign God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all as an anchor of hope as we await the appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.^{xxix}

Amen.

Scripture Reference

- ⁱ Acts 2:38; 16:31; 20:21; Romans 10:9-10
- ⁱⁱ Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:41; Romans 6:1-4
- ⁱⁱⁱ Philippians 3:8
- ^{iv} Hebrews 10:23
- ^v Hebrews 4:16; 7:25; 10:22; 11:6
- ^{vi} Hebrews 3:6; 4:14; 6:18; Revelation 2:25; 3:11
- ^{vii} Psalm 19:7-11; 119:105-112; II Timothy 3:15-17; 4:2-4
- ^{viii} I Corinthians 12:13; Philippians 1:27
- ^{ix} Acts 26:18; II Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 5:8; I Peter 2:9
- ^x Luke 22:7-23; Acts 2:42; I Corinthians 11:23-32
- ^{xi} Hebrews 10:24
- ^{xii} Hebrews 10:25
- ^{xiii} Philippians 1:3-5
- ^{xiv} Romans 12:9-13
- ^{xv} II Corinthians 8:7-8; Philippians 1:6
- ^{xvi} Ephesians 4:29-32
- ^{xvii} I Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Philippians 3:17; 4:9; I Thessalonians 1:7; I Timothy 4:12
- ^{xviii} Romans 12:15; I Corinthians 12:26; Galatians 6:2
- ^{xix} Philippians 2:3-4
- ^{xx} Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15-20; I Corinthians 5:1-13; Galatians 6:1
- ^{xxi} Luke 14:25-33; I Corinthians 15:58; Colossians 1:23; James 1:27
- ^{xxii} Romans 16:17; Ephesians 4:14; I Timothy 1:3; 4:6; Titus 1:9; 2:1
- ^{xxiii} Acts 17:11; I Thessalonians 5:21; Hebrews 13:9; I John 4:1
- ^{xxiv} Acts 20:28; I Timothy 3:1-13; 5:17-20; Hebrews 13:7; 17; I Peter 5:1-4
- ^{xxv} Philippians 3:10; Colossians 1:9-12; II Peter 3:17-18
- ^{xxvi} Matthew 28:18-20; II Timothy 2:2; Titus 2:1-8
- ^{xxvii} II Corinthians 8-9; Revelation 7:9-10
- ^{xxviii} Hebrews 10:25
- ^{xxix} II Corinthians 13:14; Hebrews 6:18-20