

THE KING'S CONGREGATION

*Jesus Christ ... the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords 1 Timothy 5:14-15
I will declare Thy Name to My brethren; In the midst of the congregation I will sing Thy praise. Hebrews 2:12*

COVENANT

(See Psalm 127:1-2, I Pet 2:4-10, I Cor 3:1-11, and Josh 24:25-28 for this covenant concept.)

Inasmuch as the Lord Jesus Christ has called us to worship Him in Spirit and in truth, we joyfully enter into the following covenant with God and His people.

As a member of The King's Congregation, I hereby pledge to:

1. PRAY for the church, its officers and members, my own spiritual life and that of my family, the conversion of the lost and the spread of the gospel. (I Thess 5:17; I Sam. 12:12-23; Lk. 22:31-32; Dan.6:10; 9:20; Mt. 5:44; Col.4:2-4).
2. HEAR the word of God as it is written, preached, and taught, as it applies to every area of life: the life of the individual, family, church, and society (II Tim.3:16; Acts 17:11; I Thess.3:13; Rom.10:14-17; Deut.31:11-12; Rom.2:13-14).
3. LIVE a life of holiness, depending upon the grace and power of the Holy Spirit (Heb.12:14; Phil.2:12-13; Joshua 7:1ff.; Gal.5:22-23).
4. GROW in the knowledge of Christ and His word and in my understanding of the doctrinal standards of the church as a summary of Biblical teaching (II Pet.1:5-11; 3:18).
5. ATTEND faithfully the stated meetings of the congregation to hear the word of God, receive the sacraments, and fellowship with other believers. I understand that all members are expected to attend Lord's Day worship unless they are genuinely hindered by God's providence (Heb.10:24-25; Lk.4:16; Ezek.44:24; Isa.58:13-14).
6. LOVE the other members of the body of Christ in word and deed and seek the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (John 13:35; I Jn.3:18). I understand that the congregation is the household of God - a family of believing families and individuals. I desire that my life be intertwined with those of my brothers and sisters, bearing with one another's burdens, rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep; and I will seek to pursue Biblical methods of solving grievances (Gal.6:2; Rom.12:15; Matt.5:43-48; 18:15-17; Rom.13:8-10; Lk.10:25-37).
7. SERVE Christ in His congregation, using the gifts He has given me for the edification of the body in the common tasks we undertake (I Cor.12:12-27).
8. GIVE proportionately of my money, time, and talents to support the congregation's work (II Cor.8-9; Mt.6:19-21,24; Lk.21:1-4). I understand that all I have, I have received from God, and that the God-ordained means of openly expressing my gratitude for and acknowledging the Lordship of Christ over what I have received is cheerfully paying tribute to God through the tithe.

9. STAND for the truth of the gospel against all errors in church and society, whatever persecution may arise to me on that account (Eph.6:10-20; II Tim.3:12).
10. WITNESS to the world in word and in deed of the grace of God in Christ (I Pet.3:15; Matt.28:18-20).
11. SUBMIT to the elders of the church in all their lawful decisions and admonitions (Heb.13:17).
12. TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND LEAD my household, if I am a head of household, in the fulfillment of the above-stated commitments. I understand that pursuant to God's all-wise creational design, the cradle and the building block of the church and society is the biblical, covenant family, of which the husband and father is the covenant head. I understand that the covenant head of household is biblically responsible and accountable for all things within his household and serves as the representative of his household within the congregation.
13. PERSEVERE in all these endeavors until that time when I might meet with the elders of the church and notify them of my desire to seek fellowship in another church of Jesus Christ (Gal.6:9-10; I Thess.5:12-13; Mt.16:18-19; Acts 20:28; Jn.10:11,14-15; I Cor.3:1-11).

*As elders in the congregation,
we pledge ourselves, in humble reliance upon the grace of God, to:*

1. SUBMIT to those requirements which we expect of all members. All those duties which private Christians are bound to discharge by the law of love are especially incumbent upon us as elders by divine vocation, and are to be discharged by us as official duties (I Cor.11:1; Heb.13:17).
2. STRIVE to adorn the profession of the gospel in our lives, maintaining those graces which Scripture requires of elders as basic qualifications, setting an example of godliness before the people and before the world (I Tim.3:1-7; 4:12,16; Titus 1:5-9; Gal.5:22-23).
3. SERVE the people of God humbly, not as domineering over those in our charge, but being examples to the flock and cultivating a pastor's heart and a servant's heart (I Pet.5:1-4).
4. PREACH AND TEACH the whole counsel of God faithfully, applying the Scriptures to the lives of individual members and to the corporate life of the congregation without compromise or regard for wealth or position, regardless of what opposition may come to us because of it; promoting the doctrinal standards as a faithful summary of the teaching of Scripture, encouraging their study by church members, and overseeing all the teaching that is done by others in the congregation (Acts 20:17-27; I Tim.3:2; II Tim.4:1-5).
5. ADMINISTER the sacraments which Christ has instituted for the benefit of His people (Mt.28:19; I Cor.11:23-32).
6. GUARD the flock over which Christ has made us overseers, watching diligently to see that no corruption of doctrine or morals enters it, especially nourishing those who are new Christians and the children of the church (Acts 20:28-31; Titus 1:9; Jas.5:19-20).

7. RULE the church as magistrates of Christ, exercising government and discipline as those who are accountable to Him, and seeking to set an example for God's people in the rule of our own households (I Tim.3:4-5).

8. EQUIP the heads of households for the faithful fulfillment of their covenant duties toward their wives and children and within the congregation.

9. VISIT the people in their homes, inquiring into their spiritual needs and progress, praying with them, being available to counsel with them in their problems, seeking the fruit of the preached word, instructing the ignorant, comforting the mourner, and seeking God's healing power upon the sick (Jas.5:13-16).

10. MINISTER to those who are weak and needy, the orphan, widow, and stranger, seeing that a consistent work of mercy and service is being carried out in the congregation until such time as God should raise up godly deacons to administer this work (Acts 6:1-7; 20:35; Mt.25:34-40).

11. REPRESENT the congregation in the presbytery and other church courts, thereby assisting in the oversight of the broader church (Acts 15).