



## The TBC Membership Covenant

Having heard the message of the gospel and responded to the drawing of the Holy Spirit, I attest that I have been saved by grace, through faith, and am a genuine follower of Jesus Christ. I acknowledge my desire to unite with the covenant members of Temple Baptist Church, committing to live in a manner worthy of the Gospel by striving to carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word. As a member of Temple Baptist Church I affirm this covenant and will willingly and joyfully endeavor to do the following:

- a) I will **submit to the authority of the Scriptures** as the final arbiter on all issues (Ps. 119; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21).
- b) I will **pursue the Lord Jesus Christ** through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, regular participation in church services and ordinances, and missional living (Luke 18:1; Acts 2:42-47, 17:11; Heb. 10:23-25; 1 Cor. 9:24-27; Eph. 5:1-21; 1 Thess. 5:12-22).
- c) I will **steward the resources God has given me**—time, talents, spiritual gifts, and finances. This includes regular financial giving, service and participation that is sacrificial, cheerful, and voluntary. (Matt. 25:14-30; Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 8-9; 1 Peter 4:10-11)
- d) I will **walk in holiness and integrity**, by God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, as an act of worship (Rom. 12:1-2, 1 Peter 1:13-16, 4:1-3). This includes, but is not limited to, practicing complete chastity before marriage and fidelity within heterosexual and monogamous marriage by abstaining from practices such as cohabitation, premarital sex, adultery, homosexuality, and pornography (Job 31:1; Prov. 5; Rom. 13:12-14, 14:13-23; 1 Cor. 6:9-7:16; 1 Thess. 5:22; Heb. 13:4), refraining

from illegal drug use, drunkenness, gossip and other sinful behavior as the Bible dictates (Romans 1:28-32, 13:13; 1 Cor. 8:7, Gal. 5:19-21, Ephesians 5:18, James 3:3-18), and confessing sin to God and to fellow believers and repenting from sin (Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:5; James 5:16; 1 John 1:6-10).

- e) I will **submit to reasonable and loving discipline** as detailed in Article 7.7 of the Bylaws of TBC when approached biblically by fellow believers, and by following biblical procedures for church discipline where sin is evident in another, seeking repentance and restoration in either situation as God leads through His Holy Spirit (Ps. 141:4; Matt. 18:15-17; 1 Cor. 5:1-5, 5:9-13, 6:1-8; 1 Tim. 5:20; Titus 1:9, Hebrews 12:5-11).
- f) I will **diligently strive for unity and peace** within The Church by acting in love toward other believers, refusing to cause division, and submitting to the leadership of TBC (Ephesians 4:1-3; 2 Cor. 12:20; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 5:5).

In willfully entering into or remaining in and renewing my covenant membership with Temple Baptist Church I confirm my willingness to abide by the guidelines and regulations set forth in The Church's Constitution and Bylaws, as well as affirm my agreement with The Church's Statements of Faith and other Positions Statements. I understand that the conditions of this covenant are in no way intended as an addition to the biblical obligations of a believer. Rather, the covenant functions primarily as an accessible, yet non-exhaustive, explanation of what the Scriptures teach about the obedience that faith produces.

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