

# GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

## — Lorton —

### Committing to Christ's Church

#### Various Scriptures

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As we conclude our look at the Church Covenant and how it exposit Scripture, we'll see four commitments that we are called to as members of a local body of believers.

#### 1. Cultivate Personal Responsibility

Believers should "submit to the authority of the Scriptures," "seek to resist sin and pursue holiness," "make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," etc.

#### Questions

1. What are some ways that being part of a local church should help you when walking through conflict, temptation, or a struggle that you're facing outside of the church?
2. How did the gospel of Jesus Christ change the way in which God's people take part in corporate worship?
3. Do you do anything to prepare for corporate worship on a Sunday morning? What do you seek to contribute to that gathering and what are you seeking to take away from it?
4. In your own words, describe what biblical fellowship should look like. How are you striving to engage in this kind of fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ? Are there ways in which you are tempted to hold back?
5. Identify four examples of one-another's in the New Testament. How are you doing in living them out?
6. Read 1<sup>st</sup> John 3:17-18. What does this teach about believers caring for other believers? Are you striving to grow in active and sacrificial love for your brothers and sisters?

For Further Reading: *Love Your Church* (2021) by Tony Merida and 31 *Ways to be a "One-Another" Christian* (2019) by Stuart Scott

*Need prayer?  
Someone will be up front by the piano  
to pray with you after the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> services.*

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## **2. Convene for Corporate Worship**

"We will not neglect gathering together for weekly corporate worship..."

## **3. Connect in Deep Fellowship**

"We will participate in the body of Christ by obeying the "one another" commands in Scripture... In doing so, we will avail ourselves of the grace of God expressed through community (at GBC, the "one another" commands are primarily lived out in community through the Home Groups)."

## **4. Contribute Through Sacrificial Service**

We will be faithful stewards of our time, talents, and finances by cheerfully and regularly serving within the body and by contributing to the expenses of the church, the help of those in need, and the spread of the gospel.

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