

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

— *Lorton* —

We do now, before God and through the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit, willingly and joyfully enter into covenant with other covenant members of this local church, Grace Bible Church of Lorton (2 Cor. 3:18; Gal. 5:16; Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Pet. 1:2).

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.

Commit to Corporate

“We will not neglect gathering together for weekly corporate worship...”

Hebrews 10:11-12

Every priest stands day after day ministering and offering the same sacrifices time after time, which can never take away sins. ¹² But this man [Jesus], after offering one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God.

Hebrews 10:18

Now where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.

Hebrews 10:23-25

Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.

Connect in Deep Fellowship

Acts 2:42

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.

Acts 2:44-47

Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. ⁴⁵ They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need.

⁴⁶ Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

We will not neglect gathering together for weekly corporate worship and we will participate in the body of Christ by obeying the “one another” commands in Scripture, recognizing that unique circumstances may occasionally constrain us. 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).

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.

1 Peter 4:10-11

Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God.

¹¹ If anyone speaks, let it be as one who speaks God's words; if anyone serves, let it be from the strength God provides, so that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ in everything. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

1 John 3:17-18

If anyone has this world's goods and sees a fellow believer in need but withholds compassion from him—how does God's love reside in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in action and in truth.

1 Corinthians 11:17-18

Now in giving this instruction I do not praise you, since you come together not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸ For to begin with, I hear that when you come together as a church there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it.

John 12:23-24

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains by itself. But if it dies, it produces much fruit.

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