## We Believe!

## A Bible-based Faith - Part 4 - Our Commitment

John 13:34-35, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, Galatians 6:1-3, 10, 2 Corinthians 3:18, Philippians 2:3-7, & 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 Sunday, July 19, 2020

## **ARTICLE V - Covenant**

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized by immersion, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we now most solemnly and joyfully enter into the following Covenant with one another as one body in Christ:

1. That we will cooperate in Christian, manifesting Christian and sympathy toward each other as is characteristic of disciples of Christ;
A commitment of love. A witness to the world. (John 13:34-35)
"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends" (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a).
*Is this how I'm treating my fellow church members? (Access & confess!)
2. That we will exercise Christian and concern for each other, aiding in sickness and in other times of need, being faithful to warn and as occasions may require;
A commitment to personal involvement. (Galatians 6:1-3, 10)
*Is pride preventing my involvement? Do I care? (Pray! He'll answer!)

Noutheteo (Greek) - Admonish - indicate duties or obligations to, express warning or disapproval to especially in a gentle or earnest manner.

"Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears" (Acts 20:31).

"And we urge you, brothers, **admonish** the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, <u>be patient</u> with them all" (1 Thessalonians 5:14).

"I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children" (1 Corinthians 4:14).

"I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to **instruct** one another" (Romans 15:14).

Intimacy is required for the level of involvement we're called to.

3. That we will live in a Christ-like manner, being \_\_\_\_\_ to take offense, always \_\_\_\_\_ for reconciliation, seeking it without delay;

A commitment to the life and ministry of Jesus. (2 Corinthians 3:18, Philippians 2:3-7, 2 Corinthians 5:17-20)

\*Is Jesus my focus, or is my sin and the sin of others? (Behold Him!)

## **Next Steps:**

- 1. If this is your first worship experience at HHBC, let us know and tell us how we can pray for you or answer any questions. Send us a message on Facebook or e-mail at info@hhbc.org.
- 2. If you would like to experience **God's saving grace** through His Son, Jesus Christ, please e-mail or call Pastor Gene this week (cell: 864.616.5899 or <a href="mailto:gene@hhbc.org">gene@hhbc.org</a>).
- 3. Join us Wednesday at 6:30 pm for *Refuel* as we study what the Bible teaches about prayer and apply it as we come together.