

Troy Church<sup>101</sup>

*What it means to partner with Troy Church*



## WHO WE ARE

### TROY CHURCH IS A FAMILY IN JESUS

We see our church as a family. Instead of sharing a bloodline or last name, we share in our identity in Jesus (Rom. 12:5). In his name, we learn from, care for, and walk with one another in love (Eph. 5:1-2).

## WHERE WE ARE GOING

### A CHURCH FAMILY THAT LOVES LIKE JESUS AND LOOKS LIKE TROY.

We see our city as uniquely diverse: factories and farms, locals and internationals, small business and big industry. Troy is a small town that is home to many nations. We believe God would receive much glory in a church family that bore the socio-economic diversity of our city while walking in the Way of Jesus (Rev. 7:9-10).

## WHAT WE DO

1. **LOVE GOD:** We are to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind. We do not love or worship Him from a distance but rather in the context of a relationship. We love Him by worshipping Him – celebrating and acknowledging who He is and what He's done. We love Him by knowing Him and being known by Him in a relationship through Jesus (Rom. 5:1-2). We shepherd towards this through two primary means:

**INDIVIDUAL WORSHIP:** We have access to God in Jesus (Eph 2:18). We can enjoy this access through personal fellowship with God in committed times of devotion and fellowship throughout our day. We worship Him through this while growing in relationship with him. We shepherd our Troy Church Family towards knowing how to spend time with God alone (Matthew 6:6).

**CORPORATE WORSHIP:** God has also called us to meet together to worship him in corporate gatherings (Acts 2:42-47, Col 3:16). We meet to sing true things about God together. We meet to be taught together. We meet to pray together. We meet to remember together, and so much more. Much of God's work and revelation of himself is delivered to us through our gathering together. We shepherd our Troy Church Family towards knowing how to spend time with God together.

2. **LOVE ONE ANOTHER:** We are called to love one another as a church family (John 13:34). We spend time together, share meals together, share happy times together, share hardships together, lead one another, and care for one another. We do this with people like us and not like us in celebration of the diversity God teaches us through. We cultivate loving, God-worshiping relationships through two primary means:

**SHEPHERDING:** The Bible uses a picture of a shepherd and sheep to explain the love of Jesus for us. We see Jesus give the church elders, who, alongside other leaders, get to shepherd under Christ with that same care. Elders commit to prioritize praying for, encouraging, training, and teaching our church family, while the church commits to interact with this shepherding to the glory of Jesus (1 Peter 5:1-5).

**GROUPS:** Groups serve as places where relationships form and deepen in a way that shows Jesus. These may be "Small Groups," "D-Groups," or even informal groups of friends that support life in Jesus together. These groups may or may not be open/closed, multi-generation/for a specific age, or co-ed/gender-specific. Different people with different needs in different seasons participate in these groups in different ways. All in all, we want the church family to know and be known by one another in love (Eph. 4:16).

3. **LOVE THE WORLD:** God has called us to serve outside of the body, into our community, and to the ends of the earth. We love the world when we take the gospel forward in missions. We love the world through worship: using our gifts and proclaiming the gospel message, so more will know and worship God. We earn the right to share through forming relationships. We care for all peoples as those who bear the image of God (Gen. 1:26). We love them as they are while praying they would know Jesus. We work towards this through three primary means:

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** We aim to be a family in a city. We meet needs in our city. We want our city to be able to say they would miss us if we were gone. We serve our city, schools, families, churches, and businesses in creative ways to the glory of God (Matt. 20:28). We serve the poor, the orphan, and widow as those who were all those things spiritually before we knew Jesus (2 Cor. 9:7-9).

**PERSONAL EVANGELISM:** We engage in prayer and gospel sharing in the context of relationships. We shepherd our church family to approach every sphere of life, asking if the people God has placed them around know and walk with Jesus (2 Cor. 5:20).

**FOREIGN/DOMESTIC MISSIONS:** We aim to love Christians outside of Troy Church because they are still our brother and sister in Christ. We seek out partnerships with churches and missionaries far from Troy as God leads. We pray for God to raise up members of our family to go far and wide to the glory of Jesus to be a part of efforts towards those who do not know Jesus, especially those who have never heard (Acts 1:8, Mark 16:15)

## GUIDING QUESTIONS

These guiding questions keep us on track as a church. Time in these questions ensures we are loving God, one another, and the world well as we plan ministry and face decisions. They can be used for the church as a whole or for individuals. For example, we may be asked to participate in an event put on by other organizations in our city. If we see that the event violates some of these guiding questions, we will decline participation. A family or individual could likewise use these questions when facing opportunities or decisions.

- How does this opportunity align with **scripture?**
  - o *Does this opportunity violate scripture in any way?*
- How does this opportunity communicate or clarify the **gospel?**
  - o *Does this opportunity distort the gospel in any way?*
- What have we thought and felt as we have approached this opportunity in **prayer?**
  - o *Have we neglected prayer in this opportunity?*
- How does this opportunity help **integrate** Jesus into their home, work, and leisure?
  - o *Could this opportunity harmfully segregate Jesus from parts of our life?*
- How does this opportunity foster **relationships?**
  - o *Is there a risk for shallowness, superficiality, isolation, or partiality?*
- How will this opportunity **equip** the church family for life in Christ?
  - o *Are we missing any opportunities to develop someone?*
- How does this opportunity support healthy **rhythms** of work and rest?
  - o *Will this opportunity overwork someone?*
- How does this opportunity serve the **community** of Troy or beyond?
  - o *Does this opportunity risk the dignity of our neighbor or create a power dynamic?*

## OUR FOUNDATIONAL BELIEFS

On essentials, we have UNITY (Eph. 4:4-6); on non-essentials, we have LIBERTY (Rom. 14:1,4,12,22), but in all, we have LOVE (1 Cor. 13:2).

### 1. The Bible is always \_\_\_\_\_ in *everything* it says.

- *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

**2 Timothy 3:16**

#### Extra Scripture References:

**R1:** 2 Peter 1:20-21

**R2:** Romans 16:25-26

We believe the entire Bible is the inspired Word of God and that men were moved by the Holy Spirit to write the very words of Scripture. Therefore, we believe the Bible is inerrant, infallible, totally sufficient, and trustworthy. Thus, Scripture is the sole source of \_\_\_\_\_ for everything we believe and do. Through what Scripture says about itself and what church history has said about Scripture, we hold The Bible, the 66-book canon, as complete and closed.

### 2. There is \_\_\_\_\_ God who exists in \_\_\_\_\_ distinct persons.

- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are each of the same \_\_\_\_\_ and worth.

#### PLURALITY IN UNITY:

- *Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."*
- Genesis 1:26**
- *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the **name** (singular) of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Matthew 28:19**

#### GOD IS FULLY GOD:

- *Hear Oh Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.*

**Deuteronomy 6:4**

#### Extra Scripture References:

**R3:** Isaiah 42:8

**R4:** Exodus 20:3-5

#### THE FATHER IS FULLY GOD:

- *For us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ through whom are all things and through whom we exist.*

**1 Corinthians 8:6**

#### Extra Scripture References:

**R5:** Ephesians 4:6

**R6:** Isaiah 64:8

### **JESUS IS FULLY GOD:**

- *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.*

**John 1:1-4**

- *But of the Son He says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved the righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.*

**Hebrews 1:8-9**

#### **Extra Scripture References:**

**R7:** Colossians 1:15-20

**R8:** Colossians 2:9

### **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS FULLY GOD:**

- *But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land . . . You have not lied to men but to God."*

**Acts 5:3-4**

- *Therefore as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, if you hear His voice (the Father), do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, where your Fathers put Me (the Spirit) to the test and saw My (the Spirit) works for forty years. Therefore, I was provoked with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart; they have not known My ways'. As I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.'" Take care brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God."*

**Hebrews 3:7-12**

### 3. Man is a \_\_\_\_\_ creation with a huge problem.

We believe man was created in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God to have fellowship with Him but sinful disobedience destroyed that relationship. As a result, man is \_\_\_\_\_ of regaining a right relationship with God through his own effort alone.

- *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*  
**Genesis 1:27**
- *And you were dead in your trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world...carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.*  
**Ephesians 2:1-3**

#### Extra Scripture References:

**R9:** Psalm 8:4-6

**R10:** John 3:36

**R11:** Romans 8:5-9

**R12:** Hebrews 11:6

**R13:** Romans 3:10-12

**R14:** Romans 14:23

The result of sin is \_\_\_\_\_.

- *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*  
**Romans 6:23**
- *Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin."*  
**John 8:34**

### 4. Salvation is a work of Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_.

Salvation is available by \_\_\_\_\_ alone, through \_\_\_\_\_ alone, in \_\_\_\_\_ alone, through the \_\_\_\_\_ alone.

#### • THE NECESSITY OF THE \_\_\_\_\_:

**It is impossible to be saved without the gospel.**

Paul tells the church in Rome that faith comes from hearing the Word of God (Rom 10:17). God draws persons to himself through their hearing the gospel. Our awareness of God and how He has shown himself in creation is only sufficient to condemn us. It takes a special revelation through the gospel to further the formation of a new creation in us.

- *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the Spirit.*  
**1 Peter 3:18**
- *I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received; that Christ died for our sins...that He was buried...that He was raised...in accordance with the Scriptures.*



### 1 Corinthians 15:3

#### • THE \_\_\_\_\_ CAUSE:

**It is impossible to be saved without divine intervention.**

Scripture describes us as "dead" in our sin (Eph 2:1). Romans tells us that we do not seek God (Rom 3:11). However, in his great love and mercy, God seeks us out to call us to life in Jesus.

- *No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws Him.*

**John 6:44**

- *He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.*

**Titus 3:5**

- *But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

**John 1:12-13**

**Extra Verses:**

**R17:** Ephesians 2:8-9

**R18:** John 3:8

**R19:** Romans 9:15-16

**R20:** Romans 8:28-30

**R21:** Ephesians 2:4-5

**R22:** 1 Peter 1:3

#### • THE \_\_\_\_\_ RESPONSE:

**It is impossible to be saved without repentance.**

We believe the substitutionary life, death, and resurrection of Christ provides the sole basis for the forgiveness of sin. Therefore, imputed righteousness (salvation) occurs through repentance as people place their faith in the gracious person and work of Jesus.

- *If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified and with the mouth one confesses and will be saved.*

**Romans 10:9-10**

- *"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household". And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.*

**Acts 16:30-31**

- *We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus.*

**Galatians 2:16**

**Extra Scripture References:**

**R15:** Acts 3:19

**R16:** Romans 10:11-13

## 5. Mankind's \_\_\_\_\_ is to maximize God's glory.

We believe that every Christian should live for Christ and not for \_\_\_\_\_.

- *Whether then you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all for the glory of God.*  
**1 Corinthians 10:31**
- *But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the Gospel of the grace of God.*  
**Acts 20:24**
- *Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*  
**Philippians 3:13-14**

### **Extra Reference Verses:**

**R23:** Hebrews 10:24-25

**R24:** 1 Peter 4:10

By obedience to the Word of God and daily yielding to the Spirit of God, every believer should mature and be conformed to the image of Christ. God instituted the church to bring about \_\_\_\_\_ through discipleship and spread His love to the lost world.

## OTHER IMPORTANT BELIEFS

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_: Celebration of believers publicly professing Christ as Lord.

Avoiding the teaching that grace is imparted even apart from the faith of the person being baptized, we must not react so strongly to this error that we say there is no spiritual benefit at all that comes from baptism, that the Holy Spirit does not work through it and that it is merely symbolic . . . it (baptism) becomes a means of grace through which the Holy Spirit brings blessing to the person being baptized and to the church as well.

Wayne Grudem: *Systematic Theology*

Baptism is the obedient \_\_\_\_\_ identification of a \_\_\_\_\_ representing/markng an \_\_\_\_\_ change involving water \_\_\_\_\_.

- *All who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death...we were buried with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

**Romans 6:3-4**

- **Acts 2:41** those who received the word were baptized
- **Acts 8:12** when they believed Philip...they were baptized
- **Acts 10:44-48** heard word...received Spirit...were baptized
- **Acts 16:14-15** Lydia believed and was baptized
- **Acts 16:32-33** Philippian jailer repented and was baptized
- *He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.*

**Titus 3:5**

Even though baptism is a very important act of \_\_\_\_\_ for believers, it is likewise important to remember that baptism does not save.

- *Because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.*

**Romans 10: 9-10**

- *One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."*

**Luke 23: 39-43**

## 2. \_\_\_\_\_: Regular remembrance of Christ's crucifixion.

We believe the biblical teaching on Communion (1 Cor. 10:16) is rich and \_\_\_\_\_.  
The Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:20) should be a \_\_\_\_\_ event in the believer's life.

Frequency	Daily, weekly, monthly, yearly, etc.	Acts 2:46-47, 20:7, Lk 22:19, 1Cor 11:26
Elements	Unleavened bread Wine Grape Juice	Matthew 26:17-29 Is. 25:6, 1 Cor. 11:20-33 1 Cor. 10:23-33
Meaning	Proclaim Christ's death Participate in benefits of Christ's death Spiritual nourishment Unity of believers Reminder of Christ's love for us Affirm our love for Christ Reminder of a future feast to come	1 Cor. 11:26 Matt. 26:26 John 6:53-57 1 Cor. 10:17 1 Cor. 11:25 1 Cor. 11:25 Rev. 19:9
Participants	Committed believers in Jesus Believers with a clear conscience	1 Cor. 10:17 1 Cor. 11:27

## 3. We believe the church is \_\_\_\_\_ led and contains multiple \_\_\_\_\_.

- *So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.*

### **1 Peter 5:1-5**

- Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church.
- Christ gives \_\_\_\_\_ to lead the church.
- Christ gives \_\_\_\_\_ to serve the church.
- Christ gives \_\_\_\_\_ to do the work of ministry.

It is important to note that this *is not* hierarchical.

- Elders and deacons are also covenant members.
- Each role is designed to **serve** the church (covenant members).

**3. Leadership:** Troy Church is led by **ELDERS**. We take this concept from the leadership structure of the New Testament church.

The **Functions** of elders are:

- \_\_\_\_\_, (Acts 20:28, 1 Pet 5:1-2)
- To be an \_\_\_\_\_, (1 Pet 5:3-5, Heb 13:17)
- To \_\_\_\_\_, (Eph 4:11, 1 Tim 3:2; 5:17, Titus 1:9)
- Maintain \_\_\_\_\_ purity, (1 Tim 3:2)
- Exercise church \_\_\_\_\_, (Matt 18:15-20, Gal 6:1-2, 2 Thes 3:14-15)
  - o **This is NOT a physical, emotional, shameful, or guilt inducing discipline.**
  - o This is supposed to be a **loving and life-giving** correction.
- Minister to \_\_\_\_\_, (James 5:14)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ministers, (1 Tim 4:14)
- And \_\_\_\_\_ the church. (1 Thes 5:12, 1 Tim 3:1-5; 5:17, 1 Peter 5:2-5, Heb 13:17, Acts 11:29-30; 15:25; 16:4).

The **Roles** of elders in Troy Church specifically are as follows. The terms *elder* and *pastor* are synonymous. Troy Church refers to many elder roles with the term *pastor*.

- **LEAD PASTOR-** Full-time staff elder responsible for leadership and teaching.
- **FAMILY/ COMMUNITY PASTOR-** Full-time staff elder responsible for children, youth, and community ministries.
- **FINANCE/ FOREIGN MISSIONS PASTOR-** Lay elder responsible for budget oversight and missions giving.
- **SMALL GROUPS PASTOR-** Lay elder responsible for all groups/ discipleship strategy.
- **SHEPHERDING PASTOR-** Lay elder responsible for membership and prayer.
- **ELDERS-** Additional active lay elders that help with any of the above functions

The **Qualifications** are many. (1 Tim 3:2-7 and Titus 1:6-9)

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| • Must be above reproach  | • Hospitable             |
| • The husband of one wife | • Able to teach          |
| • Sober-minded            | • Not a drunkard         |
| • Self-controlled         | • Not violent but gentle |
| • Respectable             | • Not quarrelsome        |
|                           | • Not a lover of money   |

The **Process** for ordaining an elder is prayer and fasting, a period of evaluation, and the laying on of hands. (Luke 6:12-13, Acts 6:6; 13:2-3, 1 Tim 5:22)

The **Gender** for an elder is always masculine in Scripture.

**TEAM LEADS:** In Troy Church, we have **Team Leads** who lead ministry teams of volunteers. Many Team Leads function like New Testament deacons. Team Leads are appointed by elders and affirmed by the church. The biblical background of deacons is used in our appointment of Team Leads. The **Qualification** for deacons shares those of elders without an expectation of teaching. The **Process** for appointing a deacon is prayer and fasting and period of evaluation (1 Tim. 3:8-13). The **Gender** for deacons is both masculine and feminine in Scripture (Rm. 16:1).

The following teams are led by **Team Leads**:

LOVE GOD TEAMS:

- Worship- Leads church in worship through music.
- Set Up- Manages preparation and cleanup of meeting space.
- Media- Manages A/V, video, and technical needs.
- Host- Leads greeters and hospitality efforts.
- Communications- Leads outside communication and social media.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER TEAMS:

- Women's Ministry- Assists elders in facilitating discipleship of women.
- Men's Ministry- Creates opportunities for fellowship among men.
- Small-Group- Resources small group leaders and hosts.
- Troy Kids- Leads all ministry to babies through third graders.
- Connections- Assists current and prospective members with involvement.

LOVE THE WORLD TEAMS:

- Local Missions- Leads local missional efforts.
- Foreign Missions- Leads efforts through foreign partners.
- Benevolence- Leverages resources for needs in and outside the church.
- Campus Outreach- Evangelism and discipleship on Troy Campus.

## DISCOVERING & DEVELOPING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

### ESSENTIAL FACTS ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS

- Every Christian receives the \_\_\_\_\_ at salvation.  
1 Cor. 12:13, Rom. 8:23, 2 Cor. 1:22, 2 Cor. 5:5
- Every Christian should also seek continued \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit.  
Eph. 5:18, Acts 4, Acts 6:3, Acts 7:55
- The Spirit brings God's \_\_\_\_\_ into the world through the church.  
1 Cor. 12:4-27, Eph. 4:11-16
- The purpose of the gifts is to \_\_\_\_\_ the church for God's glory.  
Eph. 4:11-13, 1 Cor. 14:12
- Scripture does not tell us that any of the gifts have \_\_\_\_\_.

### READY FOR THE NEXT STEP?

1 - If God leads, and you are committed to the affirmation, sign it and keep it until step four.

2 – Email our Connections Team Lead [\*\*connections@troychurch.tv\*\*](mailto:connections@troychurch.tv)

**"This is (YOUR NAME). I have signed my affirmation, and I am ready to meet with an elder."**

3 - Wait for one of the elders to reach out and schedule a conversation with you.

4 - Give the elder you meet with your signed affirmation (found on the next page).

## TROY CHURCH COVENANT MEMBER AFFIRMATION

*(This copy can be kept for covenant member's reference)*

Having surrendered to Christ as Lord by grace through faith, not of my own doing but as a gift from God, not a result of works so that I can never boast - and affirming the values and beliefs presented in the 101 class - I feel led by the Holy Spirit to partner with the Troy Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I commit to **LOVING GOD** with my church family by:
  - Attending church gatherings faithfully (Heb. 10:25).
  - Learning how to be with God through spiritual disciplines (1 Tim. 4:7-8).
  - Following Jesus in day-to-day thoughts, words, and actions (Col. 3:2).
  - Worshipping through financial giving (2 Cor. 9:7).
  - Praying that Troy Church would make much of Jesus in all things (1 Cor. 10:31).
  
2. I commit to **LOVING ONE ANOTHER** with my church family by:
  - Acting in love toward other members (Eph. 4:2).
  - Refusing to gossip (Prov. 16:28).
  - Following the elders and leaders (Heb. 13:17).
  - Pointing those who are disconnected to Christ and his church (Heb. 10:24-25).
  - Learning how to love and serve the members of the church with my gifts (1 Cor. 12:7).
  - Praying for the unity and growth of fellow Christians (Rom. 14:19).
  - Loving and valuing the children of Troy Church (Mark 9:37).
  
3. I commit to **LOVE THE WORLD** with my church family by:
  - Warmly welcoming those who visit (Rom. 15:7).
  - Learning how to love and serve the members of the community and beyond (1 Pt. 4:10).
  - Learning how to share Christ with words and actions (1 John 3:18).
  - Praying that Troy Church would be used for the expansion of God's Kingdom (Matt. 9:38).









## Appendix I: Scripture Reference Verses

- R1:** 2 Peter 1:20-21 | Knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.
- R2:** Romans 16:25-26 | *Now to Him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all the nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith...*
- R3:** Isaiah 42:8 | *I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.*
- R4:** Exodus 20:3-5 | *You shall have no other gods before me . . . you shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God...*
- R5:** Ephesians 4:6 | *One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*
- R6:** Isaiah 64:8 | *But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.*
- R7:** Colossians 1:15-20 | *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things were created through Him and for Him . . . for in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things...*
- R8:** Colossians 2:9 | *For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily.*
- R9:** Psalms 8:4-6 | *What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet.*
- R10:** John 3:36 | *Whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*
- R11:** Romans 8:5-9 | *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*
- R12:** Hebrews 11:6 | *And without faith, it is impossible to please God...*
- R13:** Romans 3:10-12 | *None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they are worthless; no one does good, not even one.*
- R14:** Romans 14:23 | *Whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.*
- R15:** Acts 3:19 | *Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out...*
- R16:** Romans 10:11-13 | *For the scripture says, 'Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.' There is no distinction between the Jew and the Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all, who richly blesses all who call on him. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

- R17:** Ephesians 2:8-9 | *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*
- R18:** John 3:8 | *The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So, it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.*
- R19:** Romans 9:15-16 | *For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." So, then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.*
- R20:** Romans 8:28-30 | *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.*
- R21:** Ephesians 2:4-5 | *But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved . . .*
- R22:** 1 Peter 1:3 | *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead . . .*
- R23:** Hebrews 10:24-25 | *And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another...as you see the Day drawing near.*
- R24:** 1 Peter 4:10 | *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

## Appendix 2: One Another Commands

### **Accept one another**

Therefore accept one another, just as the Messiah also accepted you, to the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)

Therefore, God's chosen ones, holy and loved, put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, accepting one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a complaint against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive. (Colossians 3:12–13)

### **Admonish one another**

Let the message about the Messiah dwell richly among you, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, and singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God.

(Colossians 3:16)

### **Agree with one another**

Be in agreement with one another. Do not be proud; instead, associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own estimation. (Romans 12:16)

### **Bear with one another**

Walk worthy of the calling you have received, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love. (Ephesians 4:2)

### **Build up one another**

So then, we must pursue what promotes peace and what builds up one another. (Romans 14:19)

### **Care for one another**

God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the less honorable so that there would be no division in the body but that the members would have the same concern for each other. (1 Corinthians 12:25)

### **Carry one another's burdens**

Carry one another's burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2)

**Comfort one another**

Therefore encourage (comfort) one another with these words. (1 Thessalonians 4:18)

**Be Compassionate to one another**

And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ. (Ephesians 4:32)

**Confess sins to one another**

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The urgent request of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect. (James 5:16)

**Be Devoted to one another**

Show family affection to one another with brotherly love. (Romans 12:10a)

**1. OUR FOUNDATIONAL BELIEFS**

- a.** Number One
  - i.** True
  - ii.** Authority
- b.** Number Two
  - i.** One
  - ii.** Three
  - iii.** Essence
- c.** Number Three
  - i.** Beautiful
  - ii.** Image
  - iii.** Incapable
  - iv.** Death
- d.** Number Four
  - i.** Alone
  - ii.** Grace
  - iii.** Faith
  - iv.** Christ
  - v.** Gospel
  - vi.** Gospel
  - vii.** Divine
  - viii.** Human
- e.** Number Five
  - i.** Sole purpose
  - ii.** Themselves
  - iii.** Maturity

**2. OTHER IMPORTANT BELIEFS**

- a.** Number One
  - i.** Baptism
  - ii.** Outward
  - iii.** Believer
  - iv.** Inward
  - v.** Immersion
  - vi.** Obedience
- b.** Number Two
  - i.** The Lord's Supper
  - ii.** Meaningful
  - iii.** Regular
- c.** Number Three
  - i.** Elder
  - ii.** Offices
  - iii.** Head
  - iv.** Elders
  - v.** Deacons
  - vi.** Covenant members
  - vii.** Overseer
  - viii.** Example



- ix. Teach
- x. Biblical
- xi. Discipline
- xii. The sick
- xiii. Ordain
- xiv. Equip
- xv. Needed

### **3. DISCOVERING & DEVELOPING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

- i. Holy Spirit
- ii. Filling
- iii. Presence
- iv. Serve
- v. Ceased