



RELATIONAL COMMITMENTS

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Introduction

The following commitments are designed to help the people who attend Calvary Memorial Church relate to one another in ways that honor God and promote authentic relationships in the body of Christ, in accord with the Holy Spirit's activity (Gal. 5:16-23). We long to build a strong community of faith, which is a group of people who have joined together to encourage and support one another as we worship God, grow in our understanding of His love for us, and seek to tell others about the salvation and peace they, too, can find through faith in Jesus Christ.

We know that this kind of community isn't easy to achieve. Each of us brings our own expectations and agendas into the church. We long to prevent unmet expectations, unwanted surprises, and the confusion and conflict that can result. Diversity usually leads to rich discussions and creative ministries, but sometimes it can lead to conflict. As James 4:1-2 warns, "What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have" (ESV).

As you read our Relational Commitments, we encourage you to study the Bible passages that are cited next to particular provisions. We want you to be confident that these Commitments are based solidly on the Word of God. If your study does not answer all of your questions and concerns, please do not hesitate to approach us. We would be happy to talk with you about these principles.

We encourage you to embrace these Commitments and formally join Calvary Memorial Church by going through our membership process. An application that defines the process of becoming a member may be obtained from our Church Office. As followers of Christ, we will do all we can to encourage you to grow in faith and godliness and to live a disciplined life that honors our Lord Jesus Christ and enhances the witness of His church.¹

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COMMITMENT TO BIBLICAL ONE-ANOTHERING

Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace... Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you (Eph. 4:1-3, 32).

The proper attitude toward others (that promotes peace and unity) is clearly defined in Scripture through the "One Anothers." The "One Anothers" are twenty-five commands that tell us how we are to treat one another in the Body of Christ:

- contribute to one another's needs (Rom. 12:13)
- spur one another on to love and good deeds (Heb. 10:24)
- love one another (John 13:34-35; Rom. 13:8; 1 Pet. 1:22; 4:9; 1 John 3:11, 23; 4:7-12; 2 John 1:5)
- be devoted to one another in brotherly love (Rom. 12:10; 1 Pet. 3:8)
- give preference to one another in honor (Rom. 12:10)
- accept one another (Rom. 15:17)
- admonish one another (Rom. 15:14; Col. 3:16; 1 Thess. 5:14)
- be united with one another (Rom. 12:16; 1 Cor. 1:10; 1 Pet. 3:8)
- serve one another through love (Gal. 5:13; 1 Pet. 4:10)
- show forbearance to one another in love (Eph. 4:2)
- be kind to one another (Eph. 4:32; 1 Pet. 3:8)
- be tender-hearted to one another (Eph. 4:32)
- forgive one another (Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13)
- speak to one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs (Eph. 5:19)
- teach one another (Col. 3:16)
- encourage one another (1 Thess. 5:11, 14; Heb. 3:13; 10:25)
- build one another up (1 Thess. 5:11)
- help one another (1 Thess. 5:14)
- be patient with one another (1 Thess. 5:14)
- be hospitable to one another (Rom. 12:13; 1 Pet. 4:9)
- be sympathetic toward one another (Rom. 12:15; 1 Pet. 3:8)
- restore one another (Gal. 6:1)
- bear one another's burdens (Gal. 6:2)
- be humble toward one another (Phil. 2:3; 1 Pet. 3:8; 5:5)
- look out for one another's interests (Phil. 2:4)

Calvary Memorial Church is committed to living out these "One Anothers" in every aspect of our lives. Some of these commands are of a comforting nature. Others are of a corrective nature. It will take wisdom and patience to apply these truths at the appropriate time and in an appropriate manner. We believe that with God's enabling grace and our humble submission these "One Anothers" can characterize our lives. This will result in God-centered relationships and it will promote peace and unity.