



COVENANT REVISION – 2023

KCC Current Covenant:

Since we have been saved and ransomed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ to be His own possession through the sovereign working of His gracious will, by faith in the Son of God, we—subject to His enablement—commit to the following:

We will strive and work together towards protecting and maintaining the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace by exercising love toward other members, by not neglecting to gather for the purpose of worship, by humbly submitting to the authority of Scripture and church leadership, by bearing one another's burdens, by protecting the purity of the church's doctrine and by exercising affectionate care and watch over one another, exhorting and admonishing one another as occasion demands. (Heb 10:24-25, Heb 13:17, 1 Th 5:12-13, 1 Co 1:10-17, 1 Pet 1:22, Php 1:27)

We will pursue holiness, carefully considering how to deny worldly lusts, empowered by God's Holy Spirit to live in love and service of Christ, His church and those with whom He brings us into contact in the world. (Eph 4:29, 1 Pet 1:15, 1 Th 5:22, Eph 5:1)

We will seek to magnify Christ through service, using our time and talents to edify the Lord's church. (1 Pet 4:10-11, Eph 4:11-12, Php 2:3-4, Php 2:7)

We will seek opportunities to contribute faithfully and cheerfully to the work of this ministry, the regular church expenses, and the relief of the homeless, poor, and sick, especially inside the church but also outside as we actively support the spread of the gospel both locally and globally. (Mt 28:19-20, Acts 1:8, 1 Co 16:2, 2 Cor 9:6-8)

KCC Former Covenant:

As a part of my covenant to God, and to the members of Kindred Community Church, I commit myself to the following:

1. I will protect the unity of my church by acting in love towards other members, by refusing to gossip, and by following the leadership.
2. I will share the responsibility of my church by praying for its growth, by inviting the un-churched to attend, and by warmly welcoming those who visit.
3. I will serve the ministry of my church by discovering my gifts and talents, by being equipped to serve by my pastors, and by developing a servant's heart.
4. I will support the testimony of my church by attending faithfully, by living a godly life, and by giving regularly.



DOCTRINAL STATEMENT ON ELECTION & GENDER

ELECTION

KCC Current:

1. We believe that election is the act of God by which, before the foundation of the world, he chose in sovereignty and foreknowledge those whom in Christ, He graciously regenerates, saves, and sanctifies (Rom 8:28-30; Eph 1:4-11; 2 Thes 2:13; 2 Tim 2:10; 1 Pet 1:1-2).
2. We believe that sovereign election does not contradict or bypass the responsibility of man to repent and trust Christ as Savior and Lord (Ez 18:23,32; 33:11; John 3:18-19,36; 5:40; Rom 9:22-23; 2 Thes 2:10-12; Rev 22:17). All whom the Father calls to Himself, come in faith, and all who come in faith the Father will receive (John 6:37-40, 44; Acts 13:48; Jam 4:8).
3. We believe that the unmerited favor that God grants to totally depraved sinners is not related to any initiative or works of their own part but is solely of His sovereign grace and mercy (Eph 1:4-7; Titus 3:4-7; 1 Pet 1:2).
4. We believe that God is truly sovereign, and he exercises the sovereignty in harmony with His other attributes, especially his omniscience and foreknowledge, justice, holiness, wisdom, grace, and love (Rom 9:11-16). This sovereignty will always exalt the will of God in a manner totally consistent with His character as revealed in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ (Mat 11:25-28; 2 Tim 1:9).

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GENDER

KCC Current:

1. We believe that both Adam and Eve were created in God's image, equal before God, either male or female (Gen 1:26-27; 2:18).
2. We believe this creation is a fixed matter of human biology, not an individual choice (Gen 1:27; 5:2; Ps 139:13-14; Matt 19:4; Mark 10:6).
3. We believe marriage is instituted by God, not government, is between one man and one woman, and is the only context for sexual desire and expression (Gen 2:24; Matt 19:5-6). We believe that distinctions in the roles of man and woman are ordained by God as part of the created order and were declared by God to be very good. (Gen 1:31; 2:18, 21-24; 1 Cor 11:7-9; 1 Tim 2:12-14).
4. We believe that Adam's headship in marriage was established by God before the Fall and was not a result of sin (Gen 2:16-18, 21-24; 3:1-13; 1 Cor 11:7-9). We believe that the Fall introduced distortions into the relations between men and women (Gen 3:1-7, 12, 16), but redemption in Christ aims at removing the distortions introduced by the curse (Rom 6:1-4, Gal 3:13-14).
5. We believe that in the family, husbands should forsake harsh or selfish leadership and grow in love and care for their wives; wives should forsake resistance to their husbands' authority and grow in willing, joyful submission to their husbands' leadership, as unto the Lord (Eph 5:21-33, Col 3:18-19; Titus 2:3-5; 1 Pet 3:1-7).
6. We believe that in the church, redemption in Christ gives men and women an equal share in the blessings of salvation; nevertheless, some governing and teaching roles within the church are restricted to men (Gal 3:28; 1 Cor 11:2-16; 1 Tim 2:11-15). We believe that the office of elder in the church is limited to men as qualified by Scripture (1 Tim 3:1-7; 5:17-20; Titus 1:5-9).

KCC Former:

1. We believe that both Adam and Eve were created in God's image, equal before God as persons and distinct in their manhood and womanhood (Gen 1:26-27; 2:18).

2. We believe that the fundamental distinction between male and female is embedded in the very biology of the human race (Gen 1:27; 5:2; Ps 139:13). We believe that gender identity is determined by biological sex and not by one's self-perception or subjective expression. (Ps 139:14; Mat 19:4; Mark 10:6).
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