

## **IBC CHURCH COVENANT**

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God and angels, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love:

To strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort.

To promote its prosperity and spirituality.

To sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines;

To give it a sacred pre-eminence over all institutions of human origin.

To contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion;

To religiously educate our children;

To seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances;

To walk circumspectly in the world;

To be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment;

To avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger;

To abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love;

To remember each other in prayer;

To aid each other in sickness and distress;

To cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech;

To be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay;

We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

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## **Nehemiah**

### **A Manual for Serving The LORD The "C" Word - Commitment**

Nehemiah 9:38 - 10:39

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**Introduction:** It is one thing to attend a church service, sing praises to God, and listen to the sermon...It is quite something else to commit yourself to actually obey God's revealed will. As we have seen in the past several Sundays, Ezra has been leading the people in extended times of reading and explaining God's Word to them. Based upon their new understanding of God's Word we saw them spend three hours of confessing their sinfulness and God's manifold mercy and grace toward them as His covenant people. The Children of Israel want to get back to the place where they will fulfill the purposes to which the Lord had raised them up as a nation - to be His witness in the midst of the nations - not to be swallowed up by the nations. If the people of God are going to remain true to their initial and primary purpose for existence, there must be a constant renewal of their love and loyalty to God and a maintained commitment to His Word. In Nehemiah 9:38-10:39 we find the Children of Israel making such a commitment to God and His Word - a binding agreement.

**I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the commitment - Nehemiah. 9:7-38**

**A. After reviewing their \_\_\_\_\_ - Nehemiah 9:7-35**

**B. After evaluating their \_\_\_\_\_ - Nehemiah 9:36-37**

**C. After considering their \_\_\_\_\_ - Nehemiah 9:38**

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the commitment - Nehemiah. 10**

**A. \_\_\_\_\_ - The \_\_\_\_\_ of God - 10:28-29**

**B. \_\_\_\_\_ - The \_\_\_\_\_ of God - 10:32-39**

**C. \_\_\_\_\_ - The \_\_\_\_\_ of God - 9:38-10:39**

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**C. \_\_\_\_\_ - The \_\_\_\_\_ of God - 9:38-10:39**

**III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the commitment - Nehemiah. 10:29-39**

**A. \_\_\_\_\_ - Declaration of \_\_\_\_\_ - Nehemiah 10:29**

**B. \_\_\_\_\_ - Declaration of \_\_\_\_\_ - Nehemiah 10:30-39**

▶ Marry in the \_\_\_\_\_ - Intermarriage

▶ Enter into your \_\_\_\_\_ - Sabbath observances

▶ Maintain the \_\_\_\_\_ - Temple upkeep

▶ Remember your \_\_\_\_\_ - First born

▶ Support the \_\_\_\_\_ - Tithes

▶ Neglect not the \_\_\_\_\_ - Fellowship

**IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the commitment - various**

**A. With \_\_\_\_\_ - 10:28-29**

**B. With \_\_\_\_\_ - 10:1-28**

**C. With \_\_\_\_\_ - 10: 29**

**D. With \_\_\_\_\_ in view - 9:38**

**E. \_\_\_\_\_ - 10:28-29**