

D3 Church | **Membership Covenant**

WHY BECOME A MEMBER?

Church membership is not required for anyone choosing to attend D3 Church and its functions. However, for the practical functioning of D3 Church, membership is encouraged. Membership is a mechanism by which unity of Spirit and doctrine is determined and acknowledged. Most importantly, membership is a covenant agreement between D3 Church and the member. It is an agreement that each party desires to be accountable to one another in walking with God and growing as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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Statement of Faith

- I am a Christian saved from the eternal wrath of God by faith in Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, through his death and resurrection, by which I am assured of eternal life ([John 3:16–18](#); [Rom. 3:23–26](#)).
- I believe Jesus Christ is exactly who he claimed to be ([Isa. 53:6](#); [Matt. 26:64](#); [Mark 14:62](#); [Luke 22:70](#); [John 4:25–26](#); [6:29](#); [8:58](#); [11:25–27](#); [14:6–7](#); [15:5](#)).
- I have repented of my sins and have been made a new creation in Christ ([1 John 1:9](#); [2 Cor. 5:17](#)).
- I have been baptized by immersion, according to the instruction of the Scriptures ([Col. 2:12](#); [1 Peter 3:21](#)).

Statement of Biblical Doctrine

- I agree with the core beliefs of D3 Church, as described on our [Beliefs](#) page.
- I understand the importance of submission to church leadership and will be diligent to preserve unity and peace; I will adhere to D3 Church's position on primary theological issues, and I will not be divisive over secondary issues ([Eph. 4:1–3](#); [Heb. 13:7, 17](#)).
- I agree that the sixty-six books of the Bible are the ultimate doctrinal authority on all matters ([Isa. 55:11](#); [1 Cor. 15:3–4](#); [2 Tim. 3:15–16](#); [Heb. 4:12](#)).

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Obligations of D3 Church to its Members

- We will ensure our elders and deacons meet the criteria assigned to them in the Scriptures (1 Tim. 3:1–13; 5:17–22; Titus 1:5–9; 1 Peter 5:1–4), and endeavor to set an example to you for Christian life and faith (1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 3:17; 1 Tim. 4:12).
- We will seek God’s will for our church community to the best of our ability as we study the Scriptures and follow the Spirit (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1–5).
- We will care for you and seek your growth as a disciple of Christ, by equipping you for service (Eph. 4:11–13) and praying for you regularly (James 5:14).
- We will provide teaching and counsel from the whole of Scripture (Acts 20:27–28; Gal. 6:6; 1 Tim. 5:17–18).
- We will exercise church discipline when necessary, only for the purpose of reconciling members to unity and faith. (Matt. 18:15–20; 1 Cor. 5; Gal. 6:1).

My Obligations to D3 Church as a Member

- I have read and understood the D3 Church Doctrinal Beliefs and will not be divisive to its teaching. I also understand the importance of submission to church leadership and will be diligent to preserve unity and peace (Eph. 4:1–3; Heb. 13:7, 17).
- I will submit to the authority of Scripture as the final arbiter on all issues (Ps. 119; 2 Tim. 3:16–17).
- I will maintain a close relationship with the Lord Jesus through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, and practice of spiritual disciplines. My relationship will be evident through my participation in weekly worship services, D3 community groups, service, and a life that glorifies Jesus (Ps. 105:1–2; Ps. 119:97; Acts 2:42–47; Heb. 10:23–25; 2 Peter 1:3).
- I will steward the resources God has given me (Prov. 3:9–10; Rom. 12:1–2; Gal. 5:22–26; Eph. 4:1–16; 5:15–18). This includes regular financial giving, service, and participation in community that is sacrificial, cheerful, and voluntary (Rom. 12:1–8; 2 Cor. 8–9; 12:7–31; 1 Peter 4:10–11).
- I will submit to discipline by God through his Holy Spirit, to righteous discipline when approached biblically by brothers and sisters in Christ, and to discipline by church leadership if the need should ever arise (Ps. 141:5; Matt. 18:15–17; 1 Cor. 5:1–5; 2 Cor. 2:5–8; Gal. 6:1–5, 8; 1 Tim. 5:20; 2 Tim. 2:25; Titus 1:9; 3:10–11; Heb. 12:5–11; Rev. 2:5–7, 14–25).

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- I agree, by God's grace, to walk in holiness as an act of worship to Jesus Christ. I will practice complete chastity before marriage and complete fidelity in heterosexual marriage by abstaining from practices such as cohabitation, homosexuality, pornography, fornication, and any form of domestic violence or abuse (**Job 31:1; Prov. 5; Rom. 13:12-14; 1 Cor. 6:9-7:16; Heb. 13:4**); I will refrain from illegal drug use, drunkenness, and other sinful behavior as the Bible, my pastors, and my conscience dictate (**1 Cor. 8:7; Gal. 5:19-21**). Should I sin in such a manner, I agree to confess my sins to Christian brothers or sisters and seek help to put my sin to death (**Rom. 8:13; Col. 3:5; 1 John 1:6-10**).

My Commitment to the Mission of D3 Church

The Mission of D3 Church is to be Disciples making Disciples who make Disciples. This Mission will be carried out by the Vision of D3 Church: Being a movement of people passionate about Jesus on mission for Him to change the lives of everyone, everywhere.

I have read the mission statement of D3 Church and commit to participate in this mission as a diligent, faithful disciple of Jesus, that my identity would be in him, my worship would be for him, my fellowship would be through him, and my interaction with the culture would be for his glory.

I understand that this covenant obligates me to the members of D3 Church and is an acknowledgment of my submission to the elders of the church. I accept the responsibility to notify D3 leadership if at any time I can no longer commit to this covenant, or if I have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding D3 Church.