



M28 - ALLIANCE COVENANT

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Christianity is more than just agreed upon biblical doctrines. God is relationship, God enters into committed relationship with His people and God wants His people to walk in committed relationship with one another. In pursuit of that purpose, membership in M28 is more than an organizational association; it is making the choice to enter a committed brotherhood of leaders. It is more than doctrinal unity; M28 Alliance is a group of men who commit with one another to do the challenging spiritual work of believing in one another, supporting one another, persevering with one another and turning again and again to pursue God-honoring relationships with one another. Although we will never be perfect, we seek to do together the one thing Jesus said will let all men know that we are His disciples. (John 13:35)

Therefore, as an alliance of committed Pastors and Missionaries, and by God's grace, we pledge to uphold:

God's Worthiness. I will seek to Love the Lord my God, with all my Heart, (*affections and reverence*), Mind (*committing to His true and just nature*), Soul, (*the very core of my identity*), and Strength, (*my energies, will and intentions*).

God's Word. I will place God's revealed Word above all other truths and philosophies. I will submit to its commands, principles, and examples as the final authority in all I do and think. I will trust its power, wisdom and history as God's revealed Truth, communicating His nature, His intentions and His answers in all of life and my pursuit of godliness.

God's Kingdom. I will commit to joining my life and energy to the fulfillment of God's Kingdom work on earth, actively seeking to expand the knowledge of the Gospel message and its effect to every nation. I commit myself to the glory and reputation of Christ above all other ambitions, personal or corporate.

God's Grace. I will seek to more fully understand, and minister faithfully, the lavish grace of God, in not only the security of the finished work of our Savior at salvation, but also in the ongoing sanctification of His kingdom-people and His patient compassion regarding the human condition.

God's Church. I will commit to living in the instruction and pattern of the New Testament Church in all matters of organization, priorities, polity, discipleship and judicial standing, seeing such instruction and pattern as the manifold wisdom of God.

God's Plan for His people. I will commit to faithfully and patiently call all who have believed in Jesus to offer their whole lives as worshipers and to encourage them to fully participate as valued members of His body, as dearly loved Children of God and as Holy Priests in His eternal Kingdom.

My Commitment:

- I commit to strive as "one man" with all those who make this covenant; to love and unite with them as members of Christ's own body, believing in them, serving them sacrificially and holding them accountable to this covenant, as we unite together to bring glory to our Lord and to accomplish His work on this earth.
- I commit to believe the best about any who make this covenant, and to support them with a loyal tongue.
- I commit to be quick to defend them and slow to receive an accusation against them.
- I will not entertain such an accusation unless it is brought by two or three witnesses, and will not accept such an accusation until it is shown to be true in the face of the accused person's defense.
- I commit to gently and lovingly confront and restore my wayward brother to a faithful walk with Christ, should an accusation be proven valid.

I, _____, representing _____ church or ministry, do commit my heart and my will to this covenant.

Date: _____