



## Bruntsfield Evangelical Church

### Membership Statement

The Membership Statement is designed to convey what church membership is all about. We believe that

- By grace through repentance and faith<sup>1</sup> we have received Jesus Christ as the Lord, Saviour and Treasure<sup>2</sup> of our lives;
  - As those who believe on Jesus' name we have been adopted by God and are therefore co-heirs with Christ<sup>3</sup>;
  - We have been given new life<sup>4</sup> through the Holy Spirit who is within us, renewing us to be more like Jesus<sup>5</sup>.
  - In the presence of God, looking to Christ Jesus and dependent on the Holy Spirit, we commit to living gospel centred<sup>6</sup>, grace saturated<sup>7</sup> and sacrificial lives<sup>8</sup> with one another as one body<sup>9</sup>.
  - We will devote ourselves to<sup>10</sup> the apostles' teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer.
  - With the help of the Holy Spirit:
    - We will pray for one another<sup>11</sup>.
    - We will walk together and watch over one another in brotherly love<sup>12</sup>.
    - We will rejoice at each other's happiness and bear each other's burdens and sorrows<sup>13</sup>.
    - We will support one another in sickness and distress<sup>14</sup>.
    - We will show courtesy in speech and be slow to take offence, always ready for reconciliation<sup>15</sup>.
    - We will make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace<sup>16</sup>.
    - Together we will seek to glorify Christ Jesus, our Lord and Head<sup>17</sup>.
    - We will submit to the authority of Scripture, feasting upon it together and seeking to obey<sup>18</sup>.
    - We will use our spiritual gifts to build up the body of Christ<sup>19</sup>.
    - We will reach out to others lovingly with the Gospel of Christ<sup>20</sup>.
    - We will cheerfully contribute to the church, the relief of the poor and other Christian work, as we are able financially<sup>21</sup>.
    - We will respect our leaders knowing they watch over us as those who must give an account<sup>22</sup>.
    - We will seek to live lives worthy of the Lord and to please Him in every way<sup>23</sup>.
    - We will live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts<sup>24</sup>.
    - We will seek the salvation of our friends and neighbours<sup>25</sup>.
    - We will endeavour to nurture our children in the Christian Faith<sup>26</sup>.
  - We commit to live our lives as faithful and diligent disciples of Jesus<sup>27</sup>; our identity will be in Him<sup>28</sup>, our worship will be for Him<sup>29</sup>, our fellowship will be through Him<sup>30</sup> and our community will exist for His glory<sup>31</sup>.
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## Scripture References

1 Romans 5:2, Ephesians 2:8	18 2 Timothy 3:16
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4 Romans 6:4, Acts 5:15, 1 Peter 1:3	21 2 Corinthians 9:7, Malachi 3:10, Ezekiel 16:49
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6 1 Peter 3:15	23 Ephesians 4:1, Colossians 1:10, 1 Thessalonians 2:12
7 2 Corinthians 4:15, 2 Corinthians 12:9	24 Titus 2:12, 1 John 2:17
8 Romans 12:1, John 15:3	25 Mark 5:19, John 4:29
9 1 Corinthians 12:20, Ephesians 4:25	26 Deuteronomy 11:19
10 Acts 2:42	27 2 Peter 3:18
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