

Agreement for two or more Christians who are having difficulties

We offer this covenant between:

NAMES: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

and

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Desiring to resolve the following issues in submission to God's Word and Authority through this covenant:

In submission to God's Word and Authority, as exercised in this covenant, we offer the following as true and complete, to the best of our ability, for God's glory, in pursuit of justice, righteousness, mercy, faithfulness in restoring Christian unity. In the event we stubbornly act as non-believers then our covenant is broken and we open ourselves to a pursuit of justice by others in secular courts. (Matthew 5:25-26 and I Corinthians 6:1-11.)

Issue:

Time:

Place:

Witness(es):

Circumstances:

Documents:

Desired reconciliation/restitution:

We deliberately choose to resolve our dispute within the church by reason of our conviction that it is better to be wronged or defrauded than to take our case into the secular court against another believer (I Cor. 2; Luke 12).

We understand and agree that the basic procedure to be followed pursuant to this agreement is set forth in Matthew 18:15-20. Any objection to alleged procedural irregularities or defects must be raised at the time such occurs or it is forever waived.

We agree that the following shall serve as peacemakers, attempting to bring an amicable agreement of this matter:

_____ and _____

The peacemakers will first attempt to bring all parties into voluntary agreement through informal spiritual instruction, as set forth in Matthew 18:16. During this spiritual instructional phase, the peacemakers or witnesses may make recommendations or suggestions concerning how the issues might be Biblically resolved. All parties may be encouraged, but not forced to follow these recommendations or suggestions. If the parties arrive at a voluntary agreement resolving all the issues in controversy, spiritually addressing heart issues, this agreement will be incorporated into a written covenant to be signed by the parties and witnessed by the peacemakers.

In the event the peacemakers determine that spiritual instruction cannot bring Biblical agreement, any unresolved issues will automatically and after notice is deemed submitted to the same peacemakers for binding Biblical resolution under the stewardship of God’s authority in Hebrews 13.

We agree, after completion of the peacemaking proceedings, the peacemakers may render a decision in all issues. The peacemakers reserve the right to consult with other persons as necessary in order to resolve this matter. We agree to abide and walk according to God’s Word, preferring to even be defrauded (I Corinthians 6:1-11) than seeking judgment of any secular court having secular jurisdiction.

Our failure to keep this covenant is sufficient grounds for information being submitted to our churches for possible removal from the churches and treatment as non-believers. We further agree that our failure to keep our covenant and our removal from fellowship may mean the use of secular courts for pursuit of justice against us.

We agree that the peacemakers may as needed, disclose any confidential information obtained by them to those in spiritual authority for us and we hereby desire and consent to such action.

We agree that the peacemakers may seek to involve other Christian ministries in the peacemaking process and may, as needed, disclose information obtained by them to them and we hereby desire and consent to such action.

We agree this is not a secular legal discovery device and we will not use it for a secular legal discovery purpose. The information disclosed by any party communicated in any manner, inclusive of orally or in writing shall otherwise be confidential and shall not be used in any secular legal proceedings nor divulged by the peacemakers, except as outlined in the disclosure statements, without express written consent of both parties. Further, we agree NOT to ask nor subpoena any peacemakers or witnesses to testify at any hearing before any secular court or administrative hearing.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

_____ DATE: _____

and

_____ DATE: _____

_____ DATE: _____

WITNESSES: _____
