

*Do you promise that you will endeavor to forsake all sin, and to conform your life to his teaching and example?
(from Question 3, Covenant of Communicant Membership)*

- I. Does "grace" mean a license to sin?
 - A. The gospel of grace: Jesus Christ died to bring you free and full forgiveness!
 - B. Dead and Alive
 - C. Therefore: we are *right now* free from the mastery of sin.
 - D. No longer guilty, and you are no longer helpless.
 - E. United with Christ it is in our power to say no to sin.

- II. Repentance
 - A. *Metanoia* - changing our minds about sin
 - B. Conviction (Proverbs 26:12; 27:6; Psalm 130:4; 141:5; Matthew 18:15; Galatians 6:1)
 - C. Confession (1 John 1:9-10; Psalm 51:4; Luke 15:21; Matthew 6:12; 5:25; James 5:16)
 - D. Commitment

- iii. Jesus' teaching and example
 - A. Jesus tells
 - B. Jesus shows
 - C. And he opens this same life to us!
 - D. What will happen if you live this life? (Colossians 1:27-28)

- IV. Everyone changes
 - A. One body, many parts
 - B. One life: *sanctification*
 - C. Your increasing Christ-likeness is part of the Good News. (1 Timothy 1:15; Hebrews 13:20-21)