

genuine principles of righteousness, honesty, justice, and true holiness; and also that they should prove their faith and christian morality by their practical obedience to the precepts of the gospel, according to their instructions. It is, also, indispensably necessary for them to receive the one uniting spirit of Christ, and to become so far of one heart, and of one mind that they are willing to sacrifice all other relations, for this sacred one.

Another essential step is, to settle all just & equitable claims of creditors and filial heirs; so that whatever property they may possess, shall be justly their own. When this is done, and they feel themselves sufficiently prepared to make a deliberate and final choice to devote themselves, with all they possess, wholly to the service of God, without reserve, and it shall be deemed proper by the Leading Authority of the Church, after examination and due consideration, to allow them to associate together in the capacity of a church, or a branch thereof, in gospel order they may then consecrate themselves, and all they possess, to the service of God forever, and confirm the same by signing and sealing a written Covenant, predicated upon the principles herein contained, and fulfilling, on their part, all its obligations. —