

The Presence Pledge

1. We, the Church, are guilty of bearing the same burden as the citizens of Chorazin. We have preached “tolerance” to the level of dishonesty to the teachings of Christ.
2. We, the Church, are guilty of bearing the same burden as the citizens of Bethsaida. We have preached denominationalism and have pledged to uphold *our* identifiable standards to the point of insisting that all others are accountable to them. We have enslaved ourselves to traditions to dictate worship. We have claimed to be followers of Christian tradition and yet do not emulate Christ.
3. We, the Church, are guilty of bearing the same burden as the citizens of Capernaum. We have preached relativism, materialism, and abandonment of morality; these have caused disintegration of the home and have challenged the message of Christ.
4. We, the Church, have labored under the yoke of our own interests, and therefore we labor unto judgment.
5. We, the Church, ask the Lord of heaven and earth to reveal His truth to us.
6. We, the Church, repent of what has seemed good in our sight. Deliver us. We shed our yoke and seek Your rest.
7. We, the Church, pray, as our Savior prayed for us, to be in unity. Just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one, we will unify with You and thus will unify with one another.
8. We, the Church, pledge to take Your yoke upon us. Bind us to Christ. Restore in us a heart of a young child longing to come and rest in Father's embrace.
9. We, the Church, pledge to emulate Your presence to the world.

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