

A SAMPLE FOR VOWS OF ORDINATION

(There are no prescribed vows to be taken by an ordinand being ordained by a Baptist church. The following might serve or could be used as a model. The ordinand and church are encouraged to develop vows to suit the occasion.)

Inquiry: Jesus said, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Do you accept this as your commission with solemn purpose?

Response: I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

Inquiry: Do you accept as your own the ideals and principles of Jesus?

Response: With His help I do.

Inquiry: Do you promise through study, prayer, and Christian fellowship, to conduct your ministry under the continuing guidance of the Holy Spirit?

Response: With the assurance of His guidance, I faithfully promise.

Inquiry: Are you prepared to follow your calling as you are led by the Spirit of God, looking ever to Jesus, the author and perfecter of your faith?

Response: As I am led, I will endeavor to follow.

Affirmation: I implore you, therefore, to walk worthily in the calling to which you are called, with all humility and meekness, with long-suffering, giving diligence to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Put the brethren in mind of these things and you will be a good pastor for them as you follow Jesus Christ.