

## MBC Statement of Faith



MBC exists first and foremost for the purpose of religious instruction based on Biblical Scriptures. By entering into a Ministry agreement with MBC, you confirm that when engaging in Biblical instruction, the teaching will not be in contradiction with the MBC Statement of Faith (as written below).

1. We believe in the verbal plenary inspiration of the Holy Scriptures (66 books) as originally given by God; they are divinely inspired, inerrant and infallible; totally trustworthy in all that they affirm, and they constitute the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and religious opinions are to be measured (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21).
2. There is one true God, eternally existent in three persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—each of whom is an uncreated person, and who are one in essence, equal in power and glory, and limitless in knowledge and power. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19).
3. Our Lord Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh; fully God and fully man, we affirm his virgin birth, sinless humanity, divine miracles, vicarious and atoning death, bodily resurrection from death, ascension to the right hand of the Father, session and ongoing mediatorial work, and personal return in power and glory to judge the living and dead (Colossians 2:9; Luke 1:30–35; Hebrews 1, 2, Acts 10:38; 1 Peter 1:20–21; 1 Corinthians 15:3–8).
4. The salvation of lost and sinful humanity, having inherited a sin nature through Adam, is possible only through the merits of the sinless life and shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, offered by grace and received by faith apart from works, and is made possible by the regeneration and indwelling of the Holy Spirit. All those who are regenerate will be kept by the power of God in a state of grace and will inherit final salvation. (Ephesians 2:8–9; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 5:5; Titus 3:5).
5. The Holy Spirit enlightens, guides, equips, empowers and sanctifies followers of Christ, enabling them to live holy lives, marked by a zeal for good works and witness about the saving work of the Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:16–17, 25–26; Titus 2:14).
6. The Church, the body of Christ, consists of all true believers, and is manifest in various local congregations, in which believers are to use the gifts that God the Holy Spirit has given them for the good of the local church (Ephesians 4:4–6; Matthew 18:20; Luke 24:47; Matthew 28:18–20; 1 Corinthians 12).
7. The first man and woman, Adam and Eve, were historical persons in space and time, and despite their fall into sin and death, their marriage stands as a model of the holy institution of marriage, which the Scriptures set forth clearly as being between a man and a woman, and not between persons of the same sex (Genesis 2–3).
8. At the close of history, God will judge the living and the dead through his Son Jesus Christ, and those who are saved through faith will joyfully experience the resurrection and eternal fellowship with God and his saints, while those who are lost will experience a resurrection unto eternal damnation (2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 20:11–15).