

MRBC Statement of Faith

Section 4 of the Constitution

We believe in:

- (a) The existence of one God in three persons – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
- (b) The divine inspiration, infallibility and authority of the 66 books of scripture of the Old and New Testaments.
- (c) God's creation of humankind in His image, male and female, intending that we live in fellowship with Him.
- (d) The personality and malignancy of the devil and his opposition to God's purposes.
- (e) The fallen, sinful and lost estate of all humankind.
- (f) The deity, incarnation and virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
- (g) The salvation of believers from the penalty and power of sin through the Lord Jesus Christ's perfect obedience, shed blood and substitutionary atoning death.
- (h) The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, His ascension to the right hand of His Father and His high priestly intercession.
- (i) The deity of the Holy Spirit and His work in the regeneration and sanctification of the redeemed.
- (j) The necessity of repentance towards God and of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.
- (k) The visible, bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ, the resurrection of the dead and final judgment of all people by the Lord Jesus Christ.
- (l) The eternal blessedness in God's presence of the redeemed and the eternal punishment by exclusion from God's presence of the unrepentant.
- (m) The establishment of baptism and the Lord's Supper by the Lord Jesus Christ, the head of the church.
 - a. Baptism is, preferably, the immersion of believers upon their profession of faith as an act of identification with the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ;
and
 - b. The Lord's Supper is a remembrance of the Lord Jesus Christ's sacrificial death in which believers share in fellowship with their risen Lord and with one another and look forward to His return.
- (n) The church as the community of believers called together by God. In both its universal and local expressions it consists of people who have personally and knowingly accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.