

## **MCC DOCTRINE**

### **SECTION I.**

We believe there is but one true and living God. He is eternal, of infinite power, wisdom and goodness, the creator of all things visible and invisible. In the unity of the Godhead there are three persons – The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.

### **SECTION II.**

We believe Jesus Christ to be the eternal Son of God, co-equal with God. Who became flesh, being born of the Virgin Mary. He died for our sins upon the Cross, according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice. All who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood, not of their own works.

### **SECTION III.**

We believe the Holy Spirit to be co-equal with the Father and the Son. He is a Person. He came as the fulfillment of Christ's promise. He saves sinners, creating a new man, uniting with Christ those justified by the blood of Christ. This experience is known as regeneration or the "New Birth" and is the entering into the kingdom of God. The Holy Spirit indwells and works through every "born again" believer. He instructs, teaches, guides, intercedes, sanctifies, and finally leaves the physical body with the soul and the spirit of man at death to indwell the spiritual body.

### **SECTION IV.**

We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired of God, inerrant in the original writings and they are our supreme and final authority in faith and life.

### **SECTION V.**

We believe that man was created in the image of God. That he sinned and thereby incurred, not only physical death, but also that spiritual death which is not annihilation, but eternal separation from God. We believe that all men who reach moral responsibility become sinners in thought, word and deed, and if they do not repent, are eternally lost.

### **SECTION VI.**

We believe every man is born a creature of free will and given the power of choice. He can either accept or reject God's offer of salvation.

### **SECTION VII.**

We believe that we are saved by grace, through faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ on Calvary's Cross.

### **SECTION VIII.**

We believe that every true Christian will apply his life in service for Jesus Christ. Salvation is by grace through faith. Works alone have no part nor lot with being saved. Works are outgrowth of our salvation. Every true Christian will have a passion for souls and will constantly endeavor to win sinners to an acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

### **SECTION IX.**

We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into Heaven, and His present life there for us as High Priest and Advocate, the propitiation for our sins.

### **SECTION X.**

We believe in the "blessed hope", and the personal return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## **SECTION XI.**

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, there being two resurrections. In Heaven as the eternal home of the redeemed, where we shall dwell in conscious everlasting blessedness, and in Hell as the place where the unsaved shall dwell in everlasting conscious torment.

## **SECTION XII.**

We believe that the true church is composed of all “born again” persons, regardless of denomination, or race, and that no denomination or church congregation has any preference in the sight of God. Christ is the Head. We are the members of His body, the Church. We also believe that a local church is a group of “born again” baptized believers covenanted together to contend for the faith of the gospel and truth as it is in Christ, to hold forth the Word of Life to a world for whom He died.

## **SECTION XIII.**

We believe the ordinances as taught by Jesus were given for the purpose of man’s witnessing to the world of His salvation. That no person should partake of the Lord’s Supper unless he is “born again” through obedience in Baptism. The two ordinances are “The Lord’s Supper” and “Baptism.”

*FIRST:* The Lord’s Supper is open to all. We will not deny anyone the opportunity of partaking if he so desires. However, every person is urged to examine himself, for sickness and even death has come to those who eat and drink unworthily. This is a solemn ordinance.

*SECOND:* We believe Baptism by immersion is a picture of the Gospel and an outward work of God’s Grace in the heart of man. No person is qualified to be baptized until he has given testimony to his salvation through faith in Christ.

## **SECTION XIV.**

We believe every true Christian will faithfully give of his income as God has prospered him for the spreading of the Gospel and that God’s blessing is definitely and positively upon all who will give their income. God owns all.

Our giving is not to be as unto men, but as an act of worship.

## **SECTION XV.**

We believe that God has established marriage as a lifelong, exclusive relationship between one man and one woman. All intimate sexual activity outside the marriage relationship, whether heterosexual, homosexual, or otherwise, is immoral and therefore sin.

We believe that God created the human race male and female and that all conduct with the intent to adopt a gender other than one’s birth gender is immoral and therefore sin.