

## Good News Fellowship Church of the Mennonite Brethren Doctrinal Statement

1. That the whole Bible is the inspired and infallible word of God, and is the supreme and final authority in all matters of faith and conduct. II Peter 1:21; II Tim. 3:16.
2. That there is one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. II Corinthians 13:14.
3. That Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man. John 1:1, 2:14; Matthew 1:18; Philippians 2:5-8.
4. That the Holy Spirit is a Person, is God and is co-equal with the Father and the Son; convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment; regenerates and indwells the believer, is his constant guide and teacher, and the enabling power for victorious living and dedicated service. John 15:26; 16:7,8; Titus 3:5; John 16:13; Acts 1:8.
5. That man was created in the image of God, that he sinned, and thereby incurred for himself and the whole human race not only physical death, but also spiritual death, which is separation from God. Romans 5:12,13; Genesis 1:26,27.
6. That the Lord Jesus Christ died for man's sins, according to the scriptures, and that all who believe in Him have the forgiveness of sins through His blood. I Corinthians 15:3; Ephesians 1:7.
7. That Christ arose bodily from the dead and ascended into heaven where He is now the believer's High Priest and advocate. 1 Corinthians 15:4; Hebrews 7:25.
8. That the imminent return of Christ from heaven will be personal and visible and that He will judge the living and the dead. Acts 1:11; John 5:28,29.
9. That an individual becomes a child of God by being born of the Holy Spirit by the Word of God through a personal faith in Jesus Christ. John 1:12,13; Titus 3:5.
10. That The Church, instituted by Christ, consists of all true believers, and that the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations is the supreme mission of The Church of this age. I Corinthians 12:12,13; Matt. 28:19,20.
11. That the ordinances of The Church are water baptism upon personal confession of faith and the Lord's Supper in remembrance of Christ. I Corinthians 11:23-26; Romans. 6:4.
12. That there will be a bodily resurrection of both the just and the unjust with a state of everlasting blessedness for believers, and a state of eternal punishment for all unbelievers. I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 20:11-15.
13. That the Christian life is separated unto God, conforming to the teachings of the Word, and dedicated to the service of Christ. Romans 12:1,2.

The *Confession of Faith of the General Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches (1999)* is a more complete explanatory version of this doctrinal statement, available upon request.