Absolute

(Non-negotiables) (Truth)

Interpretation

(Churches, Believers can disagree) (Convictions)

Non-essential

(Disputable) (Conscience)

- Authority of Scripture
- Creation
- God
- Trinity
- Deity of Christ
- Humanity of Christ
- Nature of Man
- Justification by Faith
- Atonement
- Resurrection
- Final Judgment

- Lord's Supper
- Baptism
- Church Government
- Spiritual Gifts
- Eschatology
- Age of the Earth
- Calvinism
- Dispensationalism

- Bible Translation
- Church music
- Politics
- Holy Days
- Education system
- Entertainment
- Tattoos
- Food

Opposition:

Heterodoxy, Heresy, False Teaching

Titus 3:9-10 - "Avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him."

Galatians 1:6-9 - "I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel...if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed."

1 Timothy 1:3-4 - "Charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine."

(1 Cor. 4:6-7; 1 Tim. 6:3-5; 2 Peter 2:1-3; 1 John 4:1-3)

Opposition:

Interpretations, Understanding, Study

2 Timothy 2:23-26 - "Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies...the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth."

Hebrews 5:11-14 - "About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But soid food is for the mature, for those who have thier powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil."

(Eph. 4:1-8;13)

Maintain both Unity and Truth

Opposition:

Culture, Background, Conviction, Personal

Colossians 2:16-19 - "Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath."

Romans 14:1-23 - "As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despixe the one who abstains, and let not the on who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pas judgment on the servant of another... One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind...Why do you pass judgment on your brother?"

(Acts 15; 1 Corinthians 8)

Liberalism

all issues are over here

