

Hot Ones
Why do Christians Disagree?
January 24, 2021

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Key Thought: In essentials, _____; in nonessentials, liberty; in all things, _____.

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- ✓ The _____ of Jesus Christ.
- ✓ Salvation by _____.
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- ✓ _____: there is only one true God.

Non-Essentials:

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