

Endure
A Study of 2 Timothy
Week 05: Duties of a Believer (Part 2) CONTINUED

Scripture

2 Timothy 2:14-26

Review (Where We Are)

Don't quarrel over words (familiar reminder found in 1 Timothy 1:3-4; 4:7; 6:4)

2 Timothy 2:14 (ESV) Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers.

2 Timothy 2:16 (ESV) But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness...

2 Timothy 2:23 (ESV) Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels.

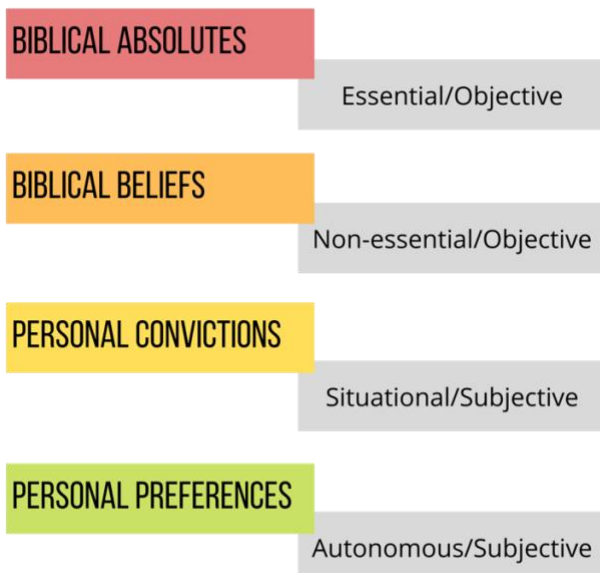
These are strong words from Paul -

- *Not to quarrel about words...*
- *Avoid irreverent babbles...*
- *Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies*

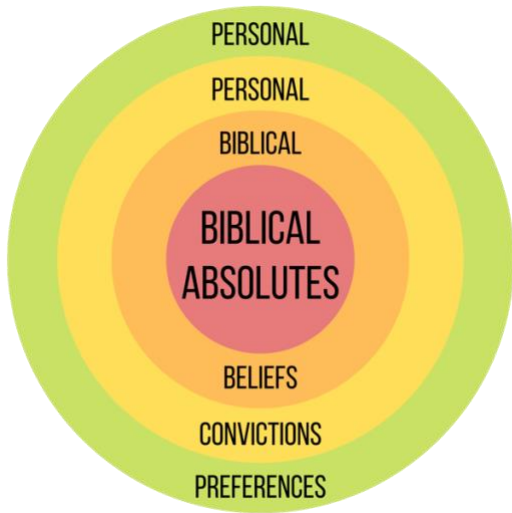
Today we'd like to tackle, in more detail, what is worth fighting over and what is not.

Motivation (Why They Need to Know It)

Four Categories Regarding Belief Systems...



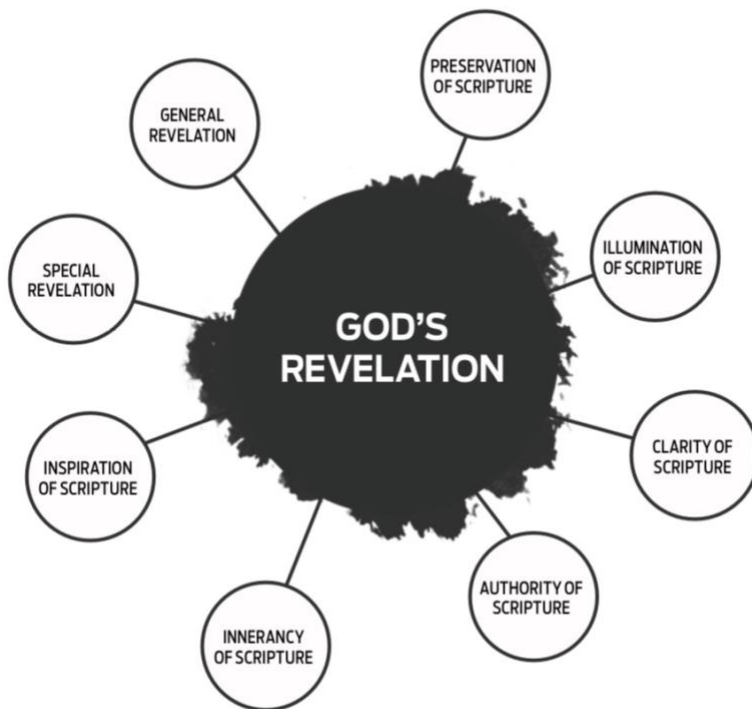
Within these Four Categories, there is a weight of importance.

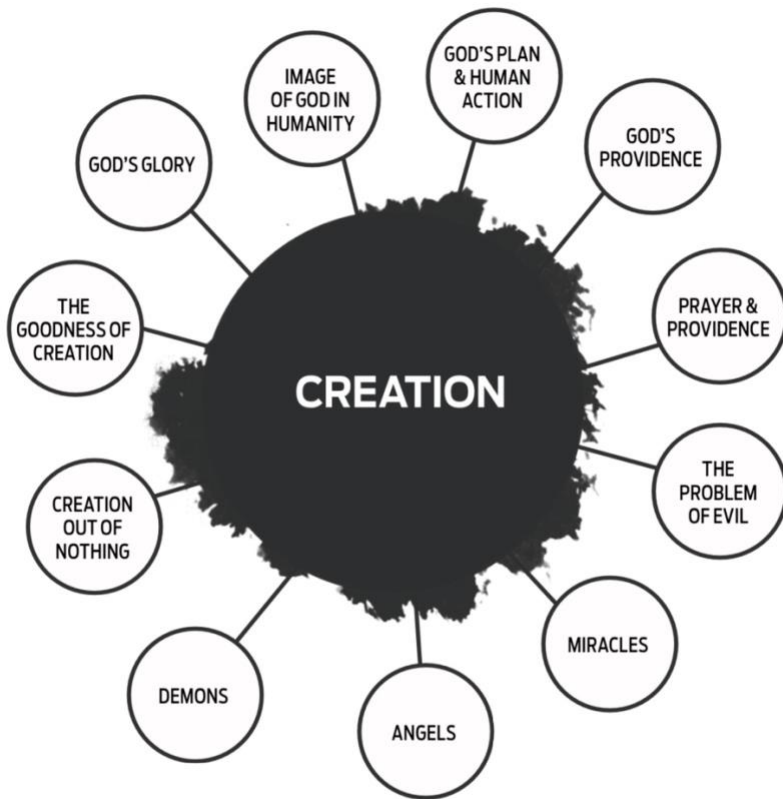
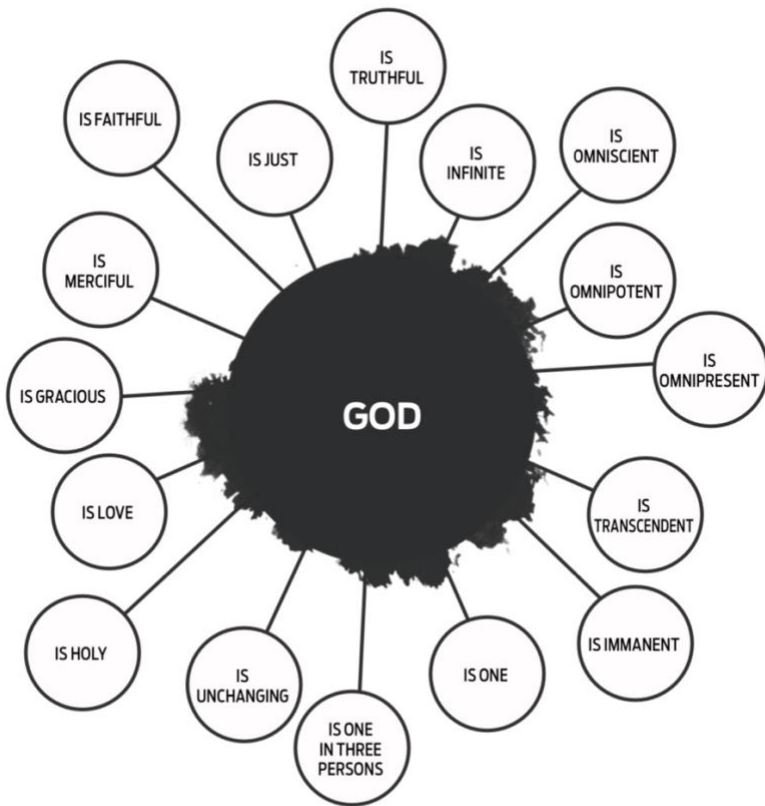


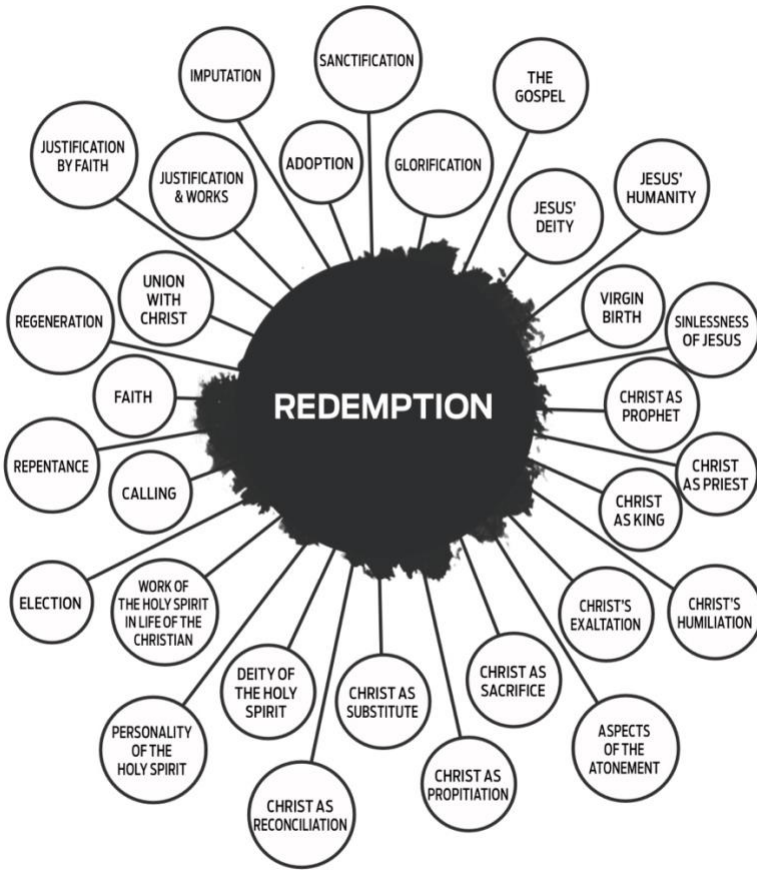
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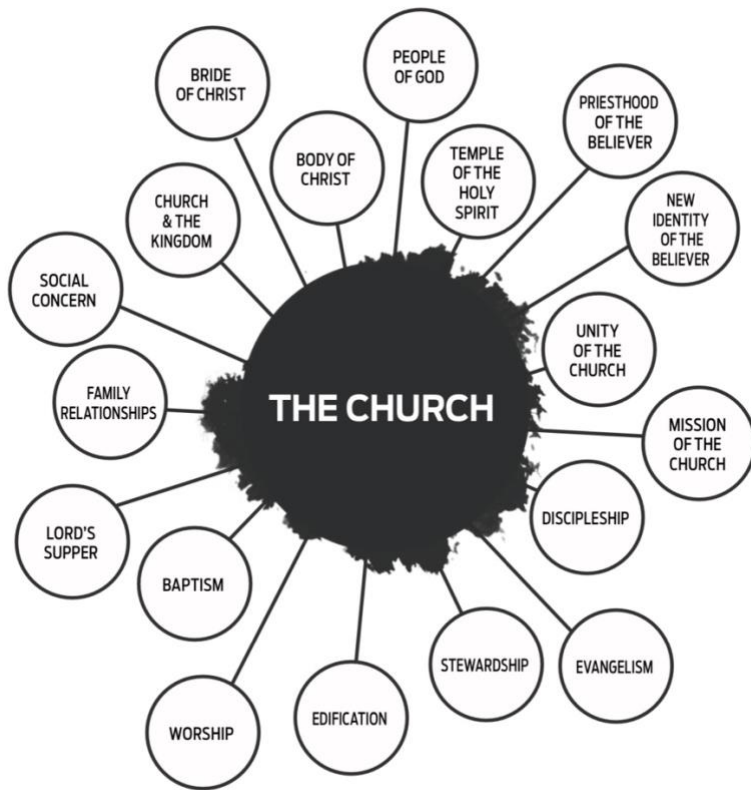
We're going to break this down for you.

Biblical Absolutes (essential and objective)









Biblical Beliefs (non-essential and objective)

These doctrines or beliefs are clearly taught in Scripture, but the journey or path to that belief may be different.

Issues that may fall under this category...

- **End times** (believe in the absolutes - second coming, judgment, millennial kingdom, and eternity - but may disagree on timing)
- **Age of the earth or details of creation** (belief that God created as He said, but may disagree on time gaps)
- **God's sovereignty and man's freewill** (there is disagreement where the line might be drawn on this one)

Personal Convictions (situational and subjective)

Personal Preferences (autonomous and subjective)

These two are closely connected but are separated by *public* and *private* participation or abstinence.

Principles for Convictions and Preferences

- **Participate or abstain without judgment** (Romans 14:2-4, 10)
Romans 14:2 (ESV) One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. **3** Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him.
- **Participate or abstain in honor of the Lord** (Romans 14:5-9)
Romans 14:5 (ESV) 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. **6** The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God.
- **Participate or abstain without causing someone to stumble** (Romans 14:13-21)
Romans 14:13 (ESV) Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.
- **Participate or abstain in faith** (Romans 14:23)
Romans 14:23 (ESV) But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.