

In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberality, in all things charity.

Circle 5: Periphery Areas

Circle 4: Personal Convictions

Circle 3: Theologically Debatable Issues

Circle 2: Biblical Commands

Core Beliefs
Agreement is necessary

Disagreement will affect
Fellowship with other
Christians

Agreement among
Christians is not
absolutely
necessary

Disagreement should
not justify
division

Disagreement should
Not affect fellowship
Of mature Christians

One should not flaunt
disagreement so as to
cause immature
to stumble

Agreement is not
Necessary

Demanding
uniformity would
manifest
immaturity

In what ring would you place these potentially divisive issues?

1. Murder
2. Suicide
3. Playing soccer on Sunday
4. The existence of God
5. Dancing
6. Co-ed swimming
7. Dating non-Christians
8. Marrying non-Christians
9. Speaking in tongues
10. The Deity of Jesus
11. The humanity of Jesus
12. Adultery
13. Swimsuit apparel
14. Pornography
15. Political position
16. Smoking cigarettes
17. Smoking marijuana
18. Getting drunk
19. Drinking alcoholic beverages
20. Resurrection of Jesus
21. Watching TV
22. Post or Pre-Tribulation Rapture position
23. Authority of Scripture
24. Listening to rock music
25. Infant baptism
26. Abortion
27. Slavery
28. Worship on Saturday
29. Women leaders in the church
30. Did God create the world?
31. How and when did God create?
32. Can one lose one's salvation
33. Divorce
34. Remarriage
35. The Tri-unity of God
36. Virgin birth of Jesus
37. Pacifism
38. Existence of hell
39. Going to the movies