

## #Truth: When Christians Disagree

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**What we believe to be true matters,  
but how we hold that truth also matters.**

What do you do when Christians disagree about what is true?

- The Bible is true and trustworthy.
- The Bible is true and trustworthy, but it's not always easy to understand.

**Much in the Bible is not just true (which I believe all of the Bible to be) but simply and clearly true. Yet it is evident that the Bible offers more complicated wisdom on certain matters.**

John Stackhouse

- There is no more hateful person than a Christian who thinks you've got your theology wrong.

**Read** John 13:34–35

**A vibrant diversity within Christian orthodoxy is a strength of our faith, not a weakness.**

Bonnie Kristian

How do we love and make room for Christians who don't believe everything we do?



Target diagram:



1. Inner circle - core beliefs: the timeless doctrines of the Christian faith that all followers of Jesus hold to be true.  
**Read** 1 Corinthians 15:3–5
2. Middle circle - interpretations: explanations of scripture that some followers of Jesus may understand differently.
3. Outside circle - opinions and preferences that have limited or no scriptural support.

**What matters is that we keep the main thing  
the main thing**

- When we confuse our interpretations with our core beliefs, we create unnecessary obstacles for people to believe in Jesus.

Interpretations that can become obstacles:

- Our understanding of creation.

Really smart people who love Jesus and honor the scriptures disagree on the answer.

The first 4 words of the Bible say “In the beginning God...”

Genesis 1 is not about HOW, it's about WHO...

**Read** Hebrew 11:6

- The Role of Women in the church.

One of the most bitter theological controversies in the American church today is the role of women.

**In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, liberty.  
In all things, charity.**

Rupertus Meldenus, 1627 A.D.