

## Unity not Uniformity Galatians 2:1-10

**As followers of Jesus, we seek unity not uniformity.** Galatians 2:1-9

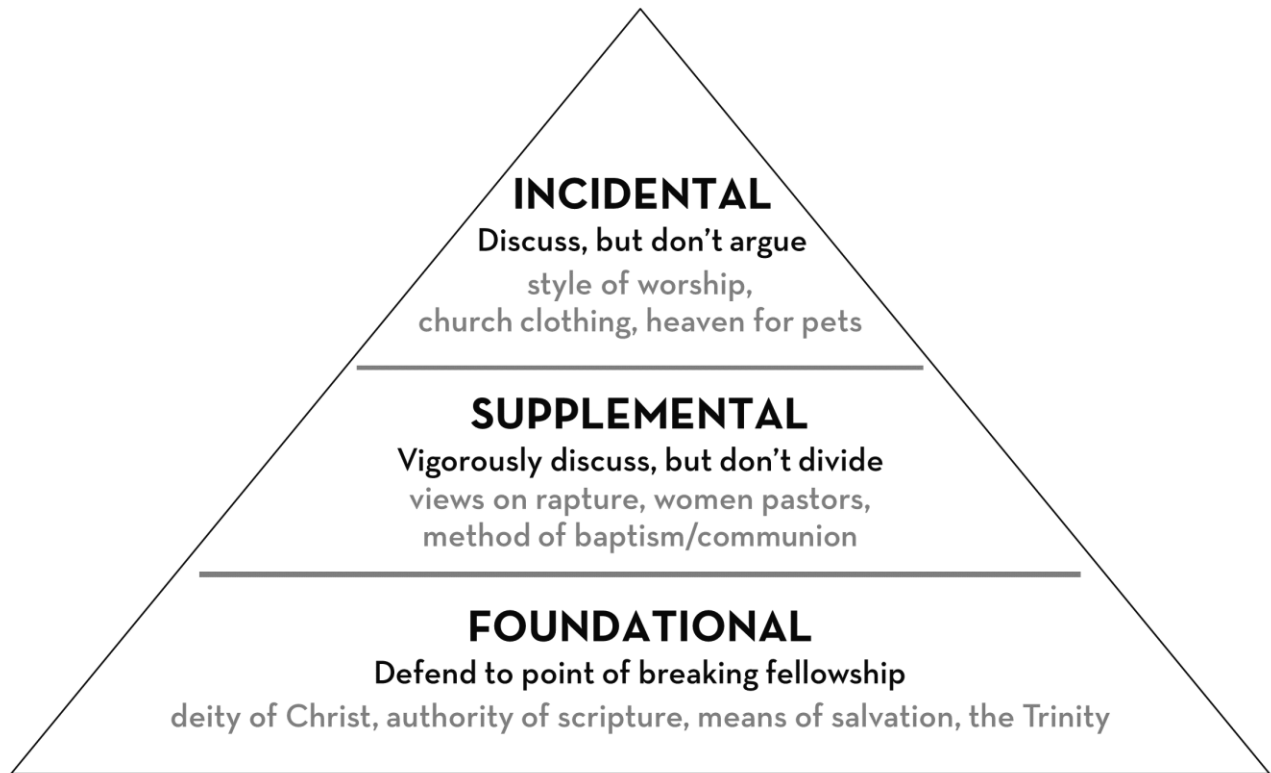
- Biblical unity does not mean we agree on everything.
- We must act respectfully to those we disagree with and welcome healthy discourse. (v.2)
- The true gospel is what must be agreed upon and fought for. (v.4-5)
- Our motives must always be for the gospel, not for personal preference or to impress people of fame or fortune. (v.6)
- Knowing our calling allows us to be different while still being unified (v.7-9)  
Paul knew his calling. Peter knew his calling. They were both true to it and knew that the gospel is what mattered.
  - Write it down: What's your calling? Where has God created you to serve most effectively?
  - Gift Projection and Ministry Narcissism

**We need to know what matters most.** Galatians 2:10

**According to this passage - The Gospel of Jesus and Remembering the Poor**

*"They only asked us to remember the poor - the very thing I also was eager to do." Galatians 2:10*

- Remembering the poor - both specific and general:
  - Specific - the poor Jewish followers of Jesus in Jerusalem. Romans 15:25-28.
  - General - the scriptures have an overarching narrative of caring for those in need.
- There were two hills that Peter, James, John and Paul (and the whole Jerusalem Council) would die on:
  - (1) The gospel of Jesus and (2) caring for the poor.
  - 1 Corinthians 15:3 - "I delivered to you as of first importance" - The Gospel
  - Matthew 23:23 - "Weightier matters of the law"- justice, mercy, faithfulness.
  - In Essentials - Unity, In Non-Essentials - Liberty, In All Things - Charity
- We love like Jesus across all cultures and generations because that is true worship. Living out the gospel in both word and deed is how we worship God outside these doors.



### *LifeGroup Discussion:*

1. Over what topics have you experienced a disproportionately high level of disagreement? How can you pursue unity over uniformity in these areas?
2. Did the level of importance of remembering the poor received in this passage surprise you? What do you think about that? How does that affect how you live your life?
3. What do you think is your calling? Where (or for what purpose) has God created you to serve most effectively?

### *Next Steps:*

1. **Attend the Discover Your Purpose class: Wednesdays, May 17-31 · 7:00-8:30 pm · Room W-209**  
In this class, you'll explore your unique God-given spiritual gifts through taking insightful personality tests. You'll also learn what the Bible has to say about purpose and be equipped to make a difference at Calvary, in our community and around the world. Learn more at [calvarylife.org/purpose](http://calvarylife.org/purpose)
2. **Share the gospel with a friend.** Start praying that God will give you love, courage, opportunity and the words to say. Invest and invite your friends and family into a relationship with Jesus.
3. **Remember the poor.** Find ways to get involved serving local people in need at [calvarylife.org/local](http://calvarylife.org/local)