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Scripture References

Acts 15:1-35 • Ephesians 2:8-9 • 1 Corinthians 8:1-3; 13:1-3

- 1) Like the ancient Jews, we want to have a set of \_\_\_\_\_, something where we can check off specific points, to show how righteous we are.
- 2) As soon as we have a checklist of the good things we do, we start comparing ourselves to others, and that can lead to \_\_\_\_\_ about how righteous we are.
- 3) At the Jerusalem Council, both groups were operating from sincere places of \_\_\_\_\_, yet they ended up on opposite sides.

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- 4) Some of our beliefs are \_\_\_\_\_ to Christianity and some are not. We have to figure out which issues are central to the gospel and which are not.
- 5) Anyone who claims to know all the \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't really know very much. (1 Corinthians 8:2)
- 6) Beliefs such as the deity of Christ, his physical resurrection, his physical return, the authority of scripture, the fallen nature of humanity, and others, are essential, and must not be \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7) Theology is important, but \_\_\_\_\_ is the defining characteristic of a Christian.
- 8) Our \_\_\_\_\_ as Christians is more important than differences over non-essential issues.
- 9) Pride and smugness over positions on some areas of belief have allowed \_\_\_\_\_ to creep into the church.
- 10) "In essentials, \_\_\_\_\_; in nonessentials, \_\_\_\_\_; in all things, \_\_\_\_\_." *(Rupertus Meldenius)*