

Message 6 – CHART “A”

CATEGORIES OF TRUTH We Teach and Preach

		<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>	<i>Column 4</i>
Row	APPLICATIONS	VERY CLEAR BIBLICAL STATEMENTS	LOGICAL CONCLUSIONS based on <i>Very Clear</i> Biblical Statements	SPECULATION – <i>Informed</i> and <i>Uninformed</i> Personal Opinions	PETTY PERSONAL PREFERENCE
1	<i>As to doctrine this becomes</i>	A conviction — a belief for which we would die	A preference though strongly believed	A mere preference	No obligation whatever
2	<i>Essence of doctrinal belief</i>	Belief of a clear statement	A matter of interpretation	A matter of supposition	Totally immaterial
3	<i>As to practice this becomes</i>	A Divine command with no option	An option though strongly believed	Totally optional	No obligation whatever
4	<i>Level of importance</i>	Absolutely essential to the <i>Christian Faith</i>	Not fundamental or essential but very important	Generally, not very important	A hindrance rather than a help
5	<i>Essence of practice</i>	Necessary obedience	A sincere desire to obey	A desire to be sincere	Totally immaterial
6	<i>Denial of this category of truth is</i>	Heresy or willful rebellion against God	A disagreement of some consequence	A mere disagreement	Not worth talking about
7	<i>Biblical command that applies to denial</i>	Command of repudiation and separation	Command of love and <i>harmony</i>	Command of love and <i>unity</i>	Command to avoid foolish questions and contentions
8	<i>Biblical response to denial of this category</i>	Denunciation and separation <i>Confrontation</i>	Toleration and Christian charity <i>Accommodation</i>	Toleration and Christian charity	Ignore
9	<i>Level of fellowship agreement allows</i>	Personal fellowship and limited church fellowship	Closer church fellowship and joint participation	Unlimited fellowship and participation	Has a negative impact on fellowship
10	<i>Level of fellowship lack of agreement allows</i>	None	Limited	Unlimited	Has a negative impact on fellowship
11	<i>Agreement of belief indicates</i>	A true Christian brother	A Christian brother of like faith and order	A rare find	Doesn't exist
12	<i>Ultimate significance</i>	Defines a <i>Fundamentalist</i>	Defines denominational distinctives	Defines denominational idiosyncrasies	Defines personal idiosyncrasies

SPECIAL NOTE: These categories of truth should never be taught or preached with the same level of authority. Truth must be preached "out" of the Scriptures, not "into" the Scriptures. It is dishonest to preach our own logical conclusions and speculations with the same "thus saith the Lord" as we would with truth which is very clear. Our preaching and teaching should be confined for the most part to columns 1 and 2. The truths and commands of the *column 1* category constitute "the faith" referred to many times throughout the New Testament. (Acts 6:7, 14:22; I Tim. 4:1; II Tim. 4:7; Jude 1:3 et. al.)