

Sermon Notes

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Am I A Christian (Week 1) Denominations

In essentials _____

Nonessentials _____

And in all things _____

Scripture Used: John 3:16; Romans 3:23, Romans 10:9;
1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 1 John 1:10; 4:2-3.

Small Group Questions

1. Which of the 8 essentials discussed do people have the most difficulty accepting as truth, keeping them from fully embracing the Christian faith? Why?
2. What are some other essentials that people believe in that Joel did not list? Why do some people consider them essentials?
3. Does it bother you to think there are so many who profess Christianity that are not Christ followers in the basic essentials of our faith? How should one respond if a person's professed faith does not include all the tenants outlined by Joel?
4. Would you argue for more or less than 8 essential components of being a Christian?
5. If someone doesn't understand the trinity and has problems believing in it, but believes all the other essentials, are they not saved? The Bible says, "Confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead and you will be saved." It does not say, "believe in the trinity and you will be saved."