



PART 17: ATOMIC FAITH

God wants to form people transformed by the gospel into communities that reflect the values of the gospel. Vertical reconciliation with God must lead to horizontal reconciliation with one another.

~ Douglas J. Moo

Paul's intention in Romans 14 is to promote harmony *within* diversity rather than to remove the diversity.

~ Ben Witherington III

How dare we reject a person whom God has accepted? Indeed, the best way to determine what our attitude to other people should be is to determine what God's attitude to them is.

~ John Stott

We are not to turn the church into a debating chamber, whose chief characteristic is argument.

~ John Stott

A church ought to hold the fundamentals of the faith, and at the same time allow for differences of opinion and of interpretation in secondary matters.

~ Alex Vidler

A Christian is a most free lord of all, subject to none.

A Christian is a most dutiful servant of all, subject to all.

~ Martin Luther

Let your only debt that is unpaid be that of love.

~ Origen

In essentials unity;

In non-essentials liberty;

In all things charity.

~ Richard Baxter

My question is – how do we decide what are the essentials?

~ Robert Bilmont

Incline us, oh God, to think humbly of ourselves, to be severe only in the examination of our own conduct, to consider our fellow-creatures with kindness, and to judge of they say and do with that charity which we would desire from them ourselves.

~ Jane Austen

Similarities in educational background, psychological make-up, or social status can bring us together, but they can never be the basis for community. Community is grounded in God, who calls us together, and not in the attractiveness of people to each other.

~ Henri Nouwen

The fundamental principle of the Christian life is that it is other-regarding.

~ Ben Witherington III

There is something more important in the kingdom of God than being right. The most important thing is to act in love.

~ Kenneth Boa

I am not ashamed of the gospel.

~ The Apostle Paul