

Sticking to the List – Not!

- Income tax time – reflection of recent past
- We have changed – not ashamed to admit it
- Fundamentals of the faith – “Cardinal” doctrines – “of prime importance; chief; principal: *of cardinal significance*”
- Personally, I like the Ephesians list better, One Lord, one faith, etc...
- “The Church of God Believes:”
- Samples.... Gospel Trumpet, Remnant, Gospel Trumpeter, The Way of Truth, Seventh Seal Messenger, etc...
- Issue 1 – the church of God is not a denomination, group, sect, etc.... She has no doctrinal manual, set of creeds, rule book, etc... – No book but the Bible. Lets keep it that way
 - The church of God is made up of people. We may not all see the same way and that is OK
 - The early church had very different views. Almost two separate churches (Gentile and Jew) – Jet bonded together on fundamental beliefs – the death, burial and resurrection of Christ
 - Love God – Love each other
 - The church in Jerusalem was very different from the church in Ephesus (former pagans)

Basic Beliefs:

A Personal God (John 4:24)

A Divine Christ (John 1:1, 14)

An Infallibly Inspired Bible (II Tim. 3:16, 17; II Peter 1:20, 21)

Salvation from Sin (Matt. 1:21)

The New Birth (John 3:3, 5-7)

Sanctification (I Thess. 5:23)

Unity of God's People (John 17:21; Eph. 4)

Divine, Physical Healing (James 5:14-16)

The Ordinances (Matt. 28:19-20; John 13; I Cor. 11)

Eternal Life (Matt. 25:46; John 3:16)

Eternal Punishment (Matt. 25:46; Mark 9:43)

Some Scriptural Facts About the Church:

Jesus Organized It (Matt. 16:18)

On a Good Foundation (Eph. 2:20; I Cor. 3:11)

Christ Governs It (Eph. 1:22-23; Isa. 9:6)

God Admits Members (Acts 2:47; I Cor. 12:13-18)

Sin Puts You Out of It (Rom. 11:22; Ex. 32:33)

Only the Saved Are Members (John 15:2-6)

Membership Is Offered To All (Rev. 22:17)

Final Rewards (Rev. 20:12-15, 21:3-4, 22:14)