



## When We Disagree

**1. Be generous.** Assume the best first. Don't assign evil motives to other parties. They may have intended something else. Let the principles of love guide our discussions (1 Cor.13).

**2. Be respectful.** Don't begin a response by insulting and insinuating that the other parties are intellectually deficient. Just address the issue without resorting to ad hominem attacks. Kindness and respectfulness should mark all conversations.

**3. Be willing.** It's possible that we misunderstood something. Be willing to discuss and foster good communication through definition and clarification.

**4. Be open.** It's possible that we are wrong ourselves and haven't thought something through. Consider the other position and make sure that we understand it before rejecting it outright. If we are still sure that we disagree, then proceed with the other principles still in mind.

**5. Be direct.** Being generous and kind does not mean that we have to beat around the bush when we address the issue. State clearly the objection and the reasons for the disagreement.

**6. Be honorable.** We all make honest mistakes in our reasoning and conclusions, but if we purposefully twist or distort something in order to win an argument, we have crossed over into dishonesty. This is never honorable or right.

**7. Be committed.** First, be committed to the Lord and His truth. Then be committed to the well-being of others. Winning an argument is pointless just for its own sake.

**8. Be logical.** It is one matter to just state, "I disagree," or to just state a contrary proposition. It is another matter to state the disagreement along with reasons. Learn how to make actual arguments. If we want others to consider our positions, we need to be able to give the "because" for our positions. If we can't state the "because," then we don't have adequate grounds for actual discussion.

By Doy Moyer



**New Testament Persons Who Believed In Creation**

**JESUS:** “But from the beginning of the creation, God ‘made them male and female.’ (Mark 10:6)

**EARLY CHRISTIANS:** “So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: “Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them...” (Acts 4:24)

**PAUL & BARNABAS:** “We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them...” (Acts 14:15)

**JOHN:** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.” (John 1:1-3)

**PETER:** “...knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.” For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the



## GLAD TIDINGS

earth standing out of water and in the water..." (2 Peter 3:3-5)

**MEN & WOMEN OF FAITH:** "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible." (Hebrews 11:3)

**HEAVENLY BEINGS:** "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created." (Revelation 4:11)

*Editors Note: This will be the last bulletin I will edit for now. I hope the articles have been a blessing and edification for you all.*

*Thank you, Steve Frazier*

### Order of Worship May 29, 2022

Song Leader—AM	Steve Frazier
Song Leader—PM	Matthew Frazier
Lord's Table	Derek Steen
Sermon—AM	Devin Barber
Sermon—PM	Derek Steen

Continue prayers for those that we've been asked to pray for, and for the free course of the gospel. *1 John 5:14*

Editor: Steve Frazier

### Marietta church of Christ

8150 Driggers St.

Jacksonville, FL 32220

Meeting times of the church

Sunday

09:00 am Bible Classes

10:00 am Worship 05:00 pm Evening Worship

Wednesday

7:00 pm Bible classes

Evangelist: Devin Barber

Phone: 904-210-5036

[www.mariettacoc.com](http://www.mariettacoc.com)

Hebrews 10:24-25