

# **"THE ISSUE OF DEFINITION"**

## **I. ISSUES THAT ARE CURRENTLY THE SUBJECT OF DEBATE**

- A. Soteriology Issues:
  - 1. "Calvinism" vs. "Arminianism"
  - 2. Lordship Salvation
  - 3. Role Of Repentance
  - 4. Nature Of Saving Faith
  
- B. Ecclesiological Issues:
  - 1. Baptist Polity vs. Plurality Of "Lay Elders"
  - 2. Standards vs. No Standards
  
- C. Bibliological Issues: Text & Translation

## **II. ASSUMING WE ALL AGREE THAT WORDS MATTER, HOW DOES TODAY'S FUNDAMENTALIST PUT THAT TO SHOE LEATHER?**

- A. We Must Develop A Semantic Conscience About Our Use Of Theological Terms
  - 1. Terms Whose Meanings Have Been Long Fixed & Universally Agreed Upon Should Not Be Tampered With
  - 2. Room Must Be Left For A Willing Teachability
  
- B. We Must Take The Trouble To Learn What Theological Terms Mean
  
- C. We Must Clarify & Correct Misused Terminology & Be Open To Correction Ourselves
  
- D. We Must Be Careful Not To Misrepresent One Another
  
- E. We Must Maintain Biblical Proportion In Our Teaching
  
- F. We Must Not Try To Undo Mysteries That God Wants Intact