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DOCTRINAL POSITIONS OF SPIRIT-FILLED & BAPTIST BELIEVERS

Topic	Baptist View	Spirit-Filled View
The Bible is the Word of God	Affirmed	Affirmed
Salvation by Grace through Faith	Affirmed	Affirmed
Death, Burial, Resurrection of Jesus	Affirmed	Affirmed
The Trinity	Affirmed	Affirmed
Deity and Lordship of Jesus	Affirmed	Affirmed
Personal Conversion (Born Again)	Essential	Essential
The Great Commission	Commanded	Commanded
Moral Teachings (Marriage, Life, Purity)	Affirmed	Affirmed
Heaven and Hell	Literal	Literal
Water Baptism	Post-salvation symbol	Post-salvation symbol
Baptism in the Holy Spirit	Happens at salvation	Distinct experience
Speaking in Tongues	Ceased	Active today
Gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12)	Ceased	All gifts active
Healing & Miracles	God can heal, not normative	Healing/miracles still occur
Prophecy	No new revelation	Prophecy for edification
Worship Expression	Reserved	Expressive worship
Anointing, Laying on of Hands	Viewed with caution	Common for impartation
Women in Ministry	Often restricted	Women operate in gifts
Deliverance / Spiritual Warfare	Resist the devil, not cast out	Believers may need deliverance
Interpretation of 1 Corinthians 14	Tongues = languages (if at all)	Includes prayer language & prophecy

KEY TO HANDLING THE DIFFERENCES IN CONVERSATION:

RESPECTFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE SHARED CORE:

"WE BOTH LOVE JESUS, BELIEVE IN THE CROSS, AND LIVE BY THE WORD. THAT'S A SOLID FOUNDATION RIGHT THERE."

GENTLY CLARIFY DIFFERENCES WITHOUT ATTACKING:

"I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN. I USED TO WRESTLE WITH SOME OF THAT TOO –UNTIL I SAW IT CLEARLY IN THE WORD AND EXPERIENCED IT FOR MYSELF."

KEEP THE FOCUS ON JESUS AND THE MISSION:

"AT THE END OF THE DAY, MY DEEPEST DESIRE IS TO GLORIFY JESUS, BE FULL OF HIS SPIRIT, AND REACH THE WORLD. THAT'S SOMETHING WE ALL WANT."

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