

## Why Study Other Systems?

**I. Illustration-** Aren't we all talking about this same thing? Example - engineering can mean: aerospace engineering, agricultural engineering, architectural engineering, bio/biomedical engineering, chemical engineering, civil engineering, computer/software engineering, electrical engineering, environmental engineering, industrial engineering, manufacturing engineering, mechanical engineering, metallurgy and materials engineering, mineral and mining engineering, nuclear engineering, ocean engineering, transportation engineering

### II. Why Study Other Systems?

- A. To Better Evaluate And Understand Our Own Faith**
- B. To Better Engage Others In Evangelistic Outreach**
- C. To Better Encourage Love And Respect Among Brethren**

### III. The Dangers Of Studying Other Systems

#### **A. We May Become Enamored With Them**

- In understanding why others believe the way they do, there is the danger that we see only the positives of a system and become drawn in to accepting a position.

#### **B. We May Become Harsh Towards Them**

- Having examined the problems of a system, the danger is to define a system by its problems, rather than bringing a balanced approach.

#### **C. We May Become Accommodating To Them**

- Though the goal is to love and respect others, it is not to accept any position as equally valid. There can be the danger of becoming too accepting of others beliefs, refusing to stand for our own.

### IV. Guidelines For The Discussion

- A. Honesty**
- B. Humility**
- C. Hope**