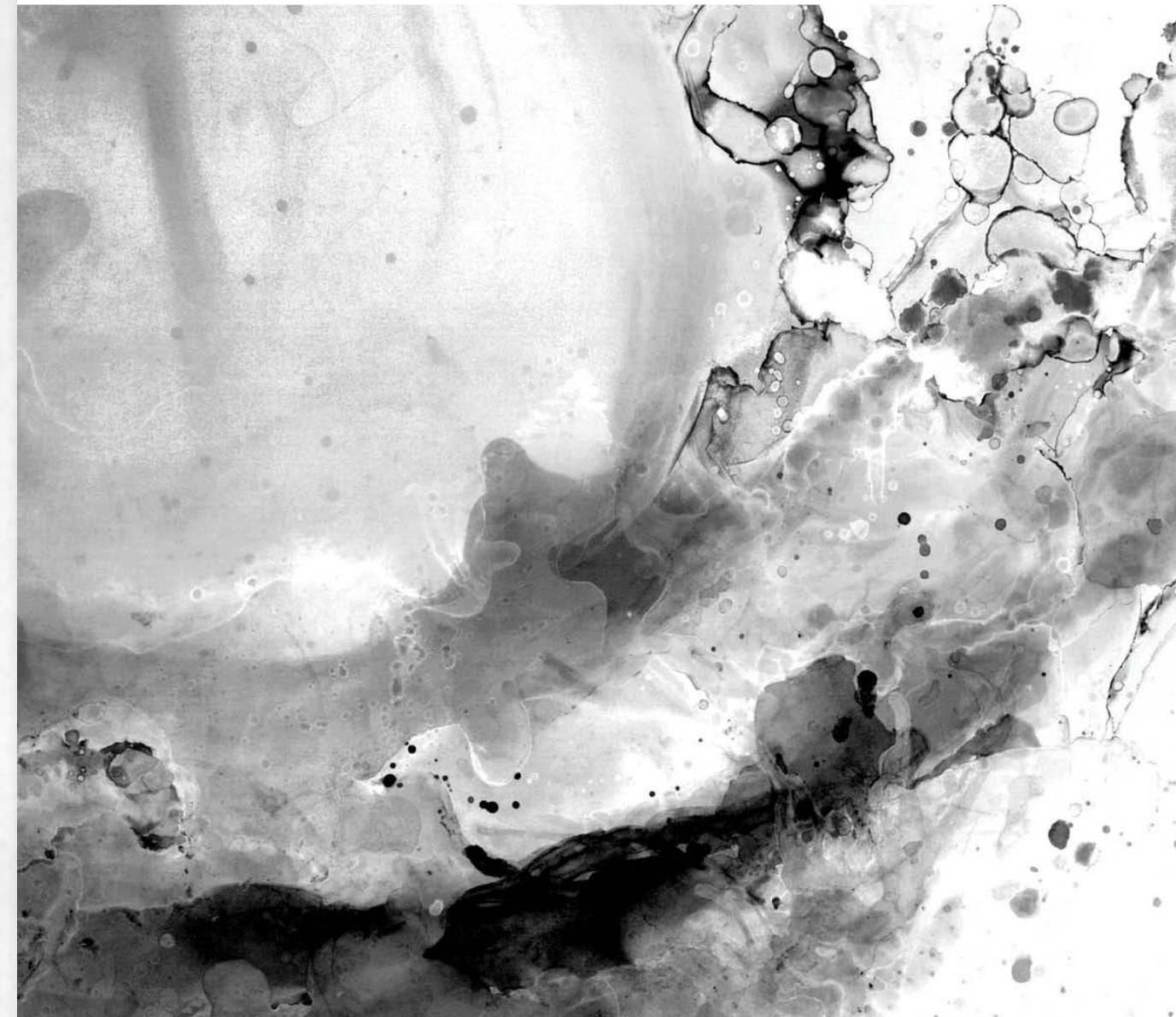


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1 Timothy Conference

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1 TIMOTHY 1:1-2 NIV

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, ² **To Timothy** my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 TIMOTHY 1:3-5 NIV

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ACTS 20:17; 28-31 NIV

From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church.

²⁸ “Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰ **Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them.** ³¹ So be on your guard!”

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CONFRONTATION HEART CHECK

Goal - Love

Motivation - Pure heart; good conscience; sincere faith

1 TIMOTHY 1:6-7 NIV

Some have departed from these and have turned to meaningless talk.
7 They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.

1 TIMOTHY 1:8-11 NIV

We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. ⁹ We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰ for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine ¹¹ that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.



INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

Observation - What do I see?

Interpretation - What does it mean?

Application - How does this work?

OBSERVATION - What do I see?

Six fundamental questions:

- Who
- What
- When
- Where
- Why
- How

OBSERVATION - What do I see?

Six fundamental questions:

- **Who:** Paul, Timothy, false teachers
- **What:** Command false teachers to stop.
- **When:**
- **Where:** Ephesus
- **Why:** False teaching leads to controversy instead of promoting God's work.
- **How:**



OBSERVATION - What do I see?

- Key Words
- Repetition
- Cause/Effect
- Comparison/Contrast

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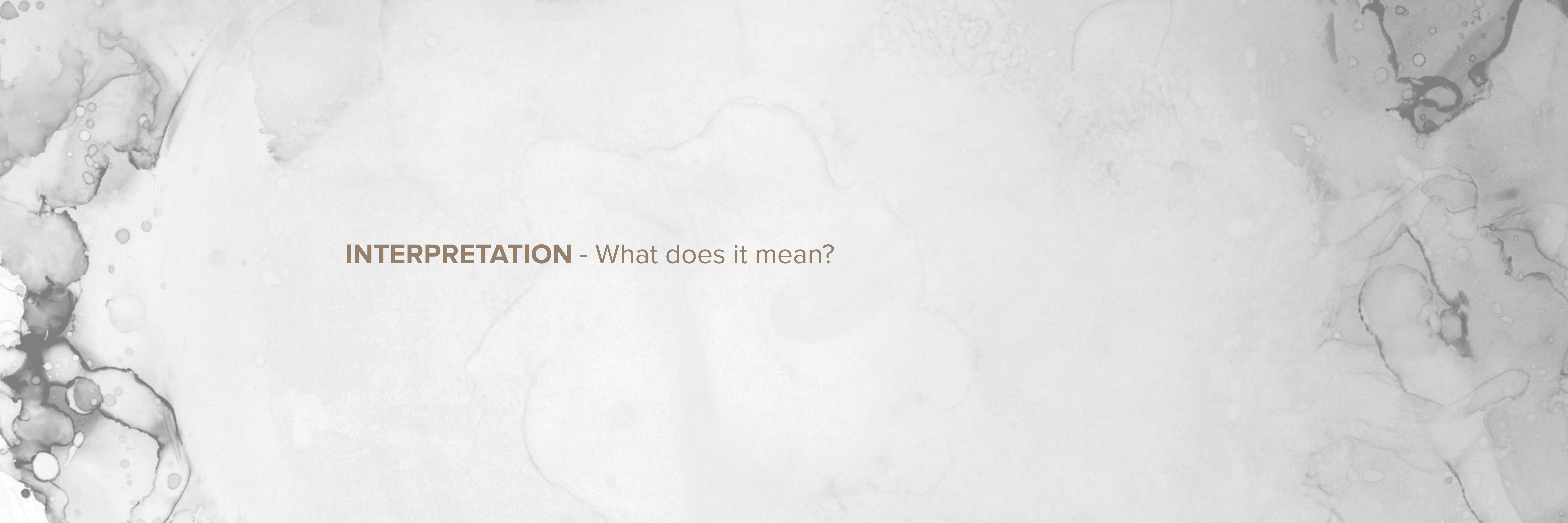
- **Key Words:** description of false teachers/teachings
- **Repetition:** doctrine (2); teach (2); command (2); talk (2); faith (2); God (4); Jesus (3)
- **Cause/Effect:** stay in Ephesus **so that** you may silence false teachers
- **Comparison/Contrast:** False teaching vs. Sound doctrine

SOUND DOCTRINE

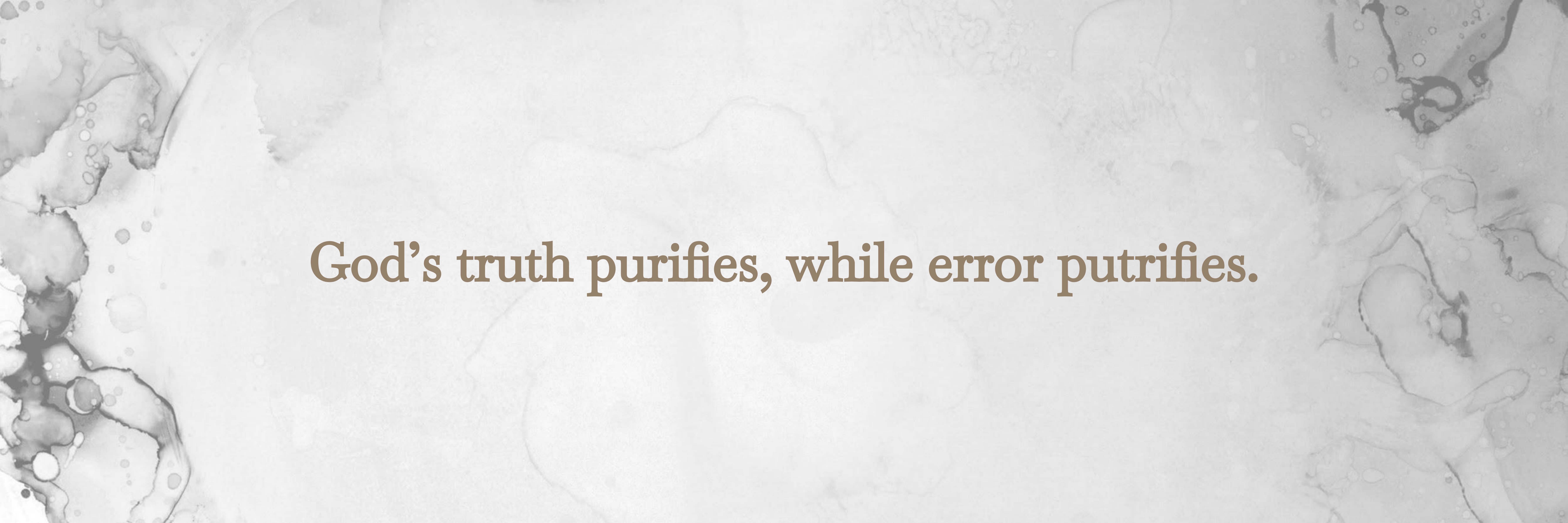
- **Results:** Advance God's work; love; God's glory
- **Motivation:** Pure heart; good conscience; sincere faith
- **Content:** Sound doctrine; proper use of law; conforms to gospel

FALSE TEACHING

- **Results:** Controversy; meaningless talk; departure from faith
- **Motivation:** Desire to be teacher; overconfidence
- **Content:** Speculation; myth; ignorance



INTERPRETATION - What does it mean?

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APPLICATION - How does it work?

**SOUND
DOCTRINE**



HERESY

Trinity

Deity of Christ

Inerrancy/Authority of Bible

Salvation by faith alone in Christ alone

Return of Jesus

Virgin Birth

DISPUTABLE MATTERS

- Frequency of Communion
- Mode of Baptism
- Style of Worship
- Church Leadership Structure
- Version of English Bible
- Sign Gifts
- Calvinism/Arminianism
- Method of Discipleship
- Wording of Lord's Prayer
- Sacraments/Ordinances

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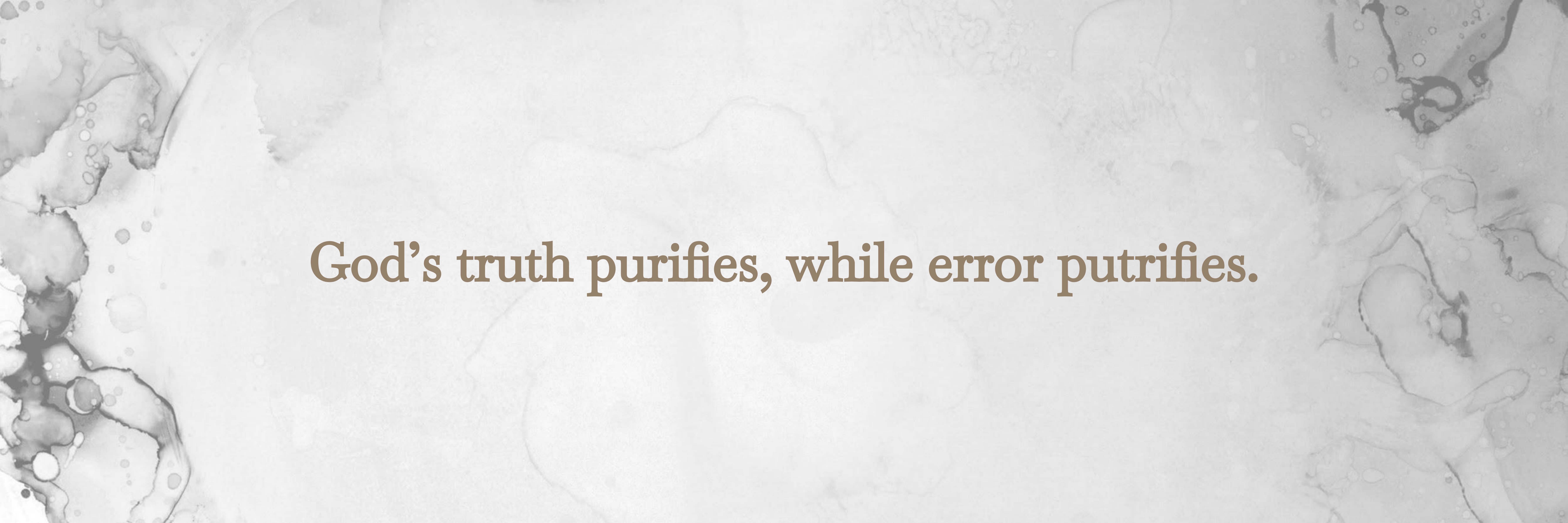
*“In essentials, unity;
in non-essentials, liberty;
in all things, charity.”*

SPECULATION

- Date of Christ's Return
- Mark of the Beast
- Israel in Current/Future Affairs
- Angelic Appearances
- Pets in Heaven
- Prophecy Seminars
- Sourcing Satan
- Dinosaurs
- Tribulation
- Rapture

SUPER SPECULATION

- Aliens
- Microchips
- Numerology
- QAnon
- Deep State
- Naming the AntiChrist

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Messenger: Who are you listening to?

Message: What are you proclaiming?

REVELATION 2:1-3 NIV

“To the angel of the **church in Ephesus** write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. ² I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. **I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false.** ³ You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.”