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FIGHT FOR GODLINESS

A STUDY OF 1 TIMOTHY



THE CHURCH AMIDST APOSTASY

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The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will **abandon the faith** and follow deceiving spirits and things taught **by demons**. ² Such teachings come **through hypocritical liars**, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

1 TIMOTHY 4:3-5 NIV

They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. ⁴ For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is **received with thanksgiving**, ⁵ because it is **consecrated by the word of God and prayer**.

1 TIMOTHY 3:16 NIV

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was preached among the nations,
was believed on in the world,
was taken up in glory.

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“My dear Wormwood, The real trouble about the set your patient is living in is that it is merely Christian. They all have individual interests, of course, but the bond remains mere Christianity. What we want, if men become Christians at all, is to keep them in the state of mind I call ‘Christianity And’...”

C . S . L E W I S

Screwtape Letters, Letter 25

“...You know—Christianity and the Crisis, Christianity and the New Psychology, Christianity and the New Order, Christianity and Faith Healing, Christianity and Psychical Research, Christianity and Vegetarianism, Christianity and Spelling Reform. If they must be Christians let them at least be Christians with a difference. Substitute for the faith itself some Fashion with a Christian colouring. Work on their horror of the Same Old Thing...”

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CHRIST OVER:

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Hold Up Truth

1 TIMOTHY 3:15

Hold To Truth

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**Truth is the Person and
Work of Jesus Christ!**

ACTS 20:17; 28-31a 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!”*

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.

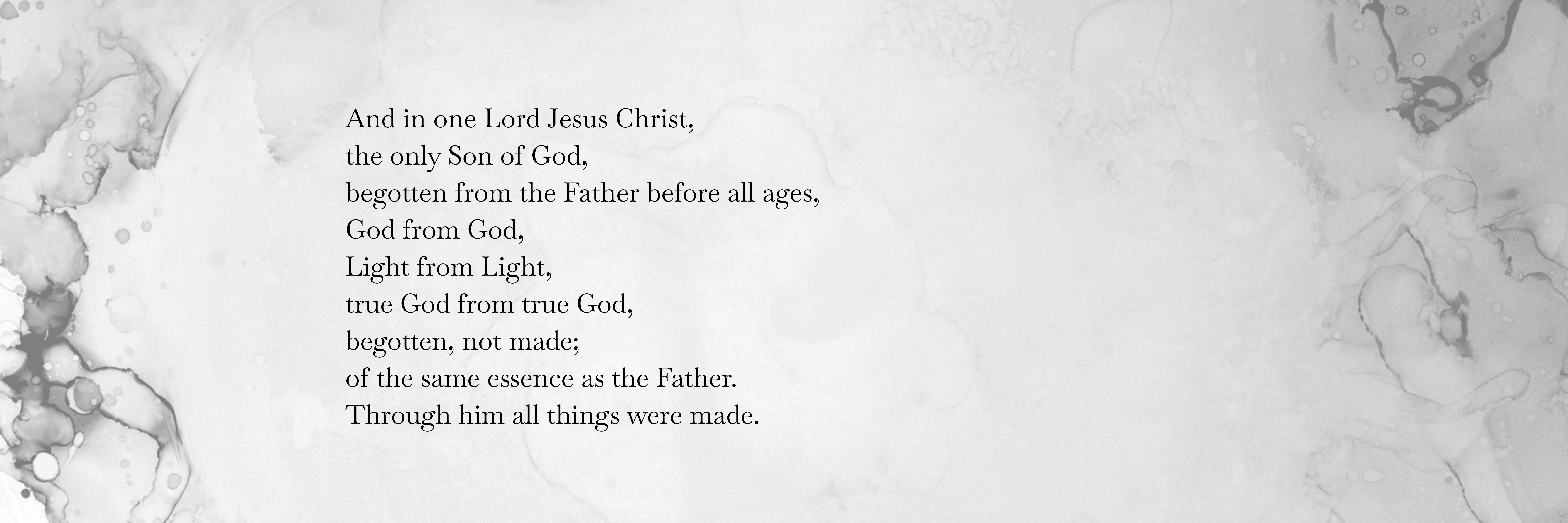
REVELATION 2:4-5 NIV

*Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.
5 Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first.
If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from
its place.*

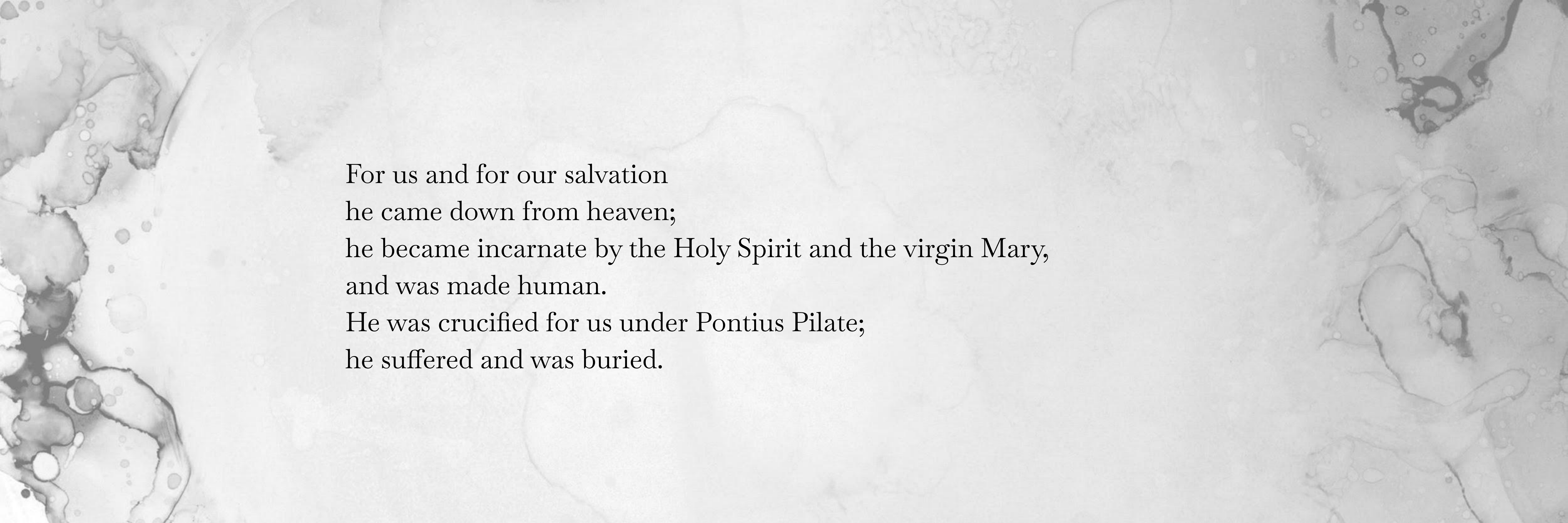


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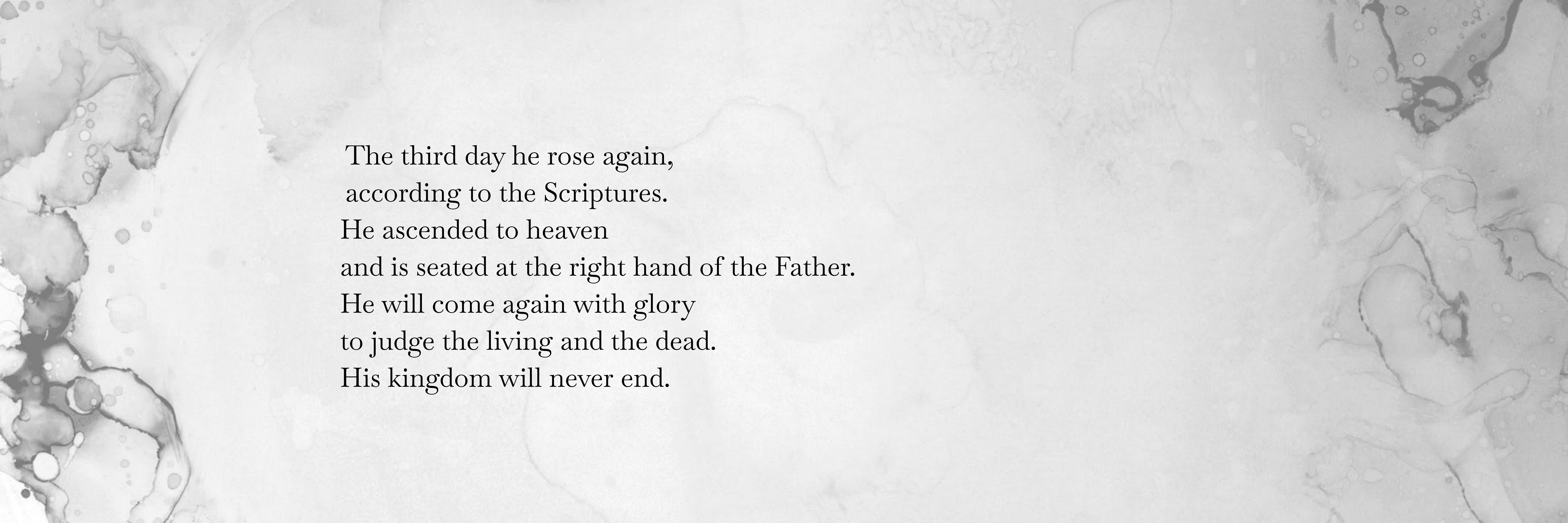
We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.



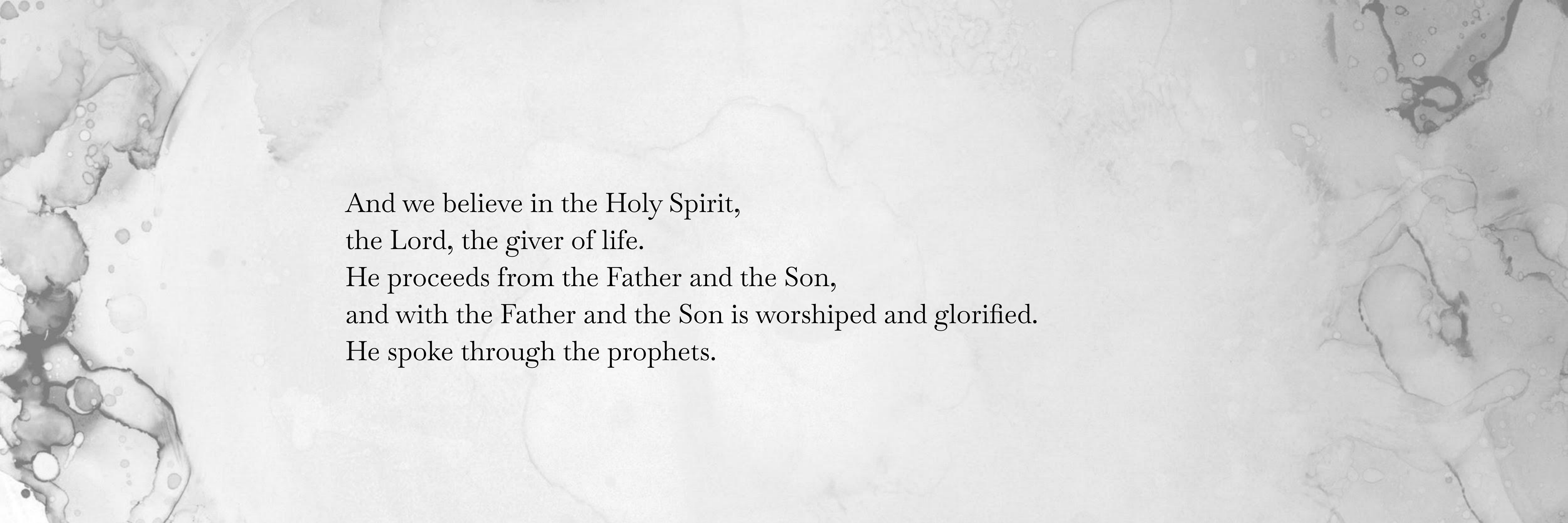
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.



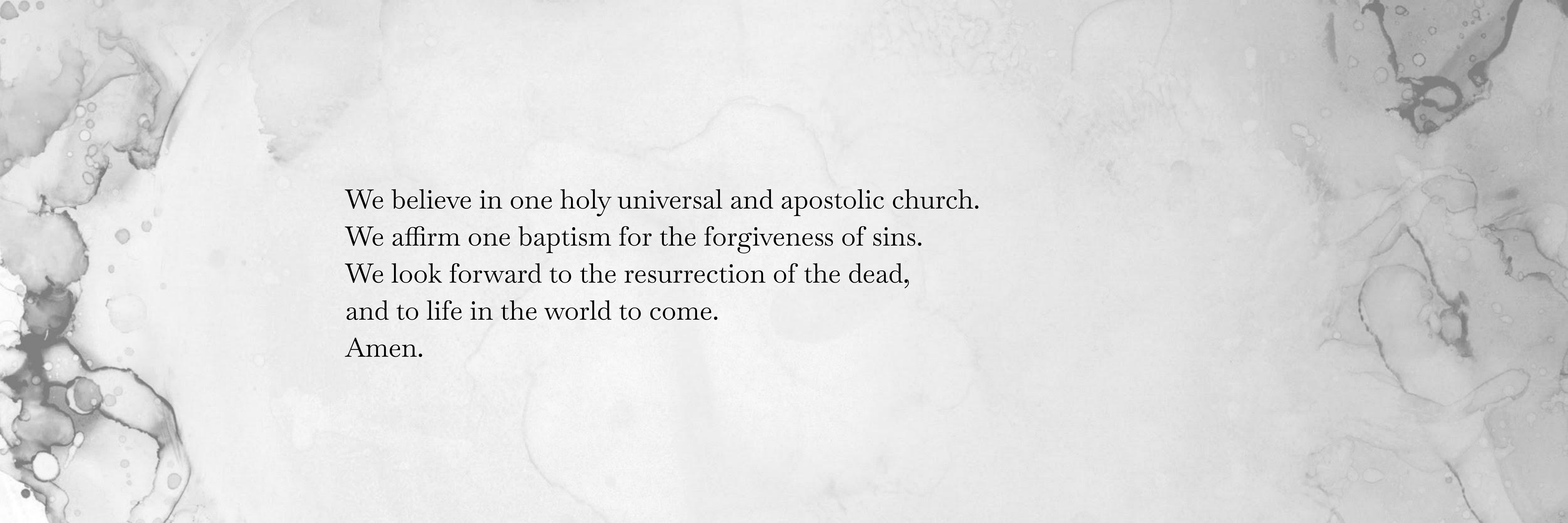
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.



The third day he rose again,
according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.



And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.



We believe in one holy universal and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come.
Amen.