

# EPHESIANS 1:3-14

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# Marks of a Healthy Church:

## #1 - Jesus At The Core

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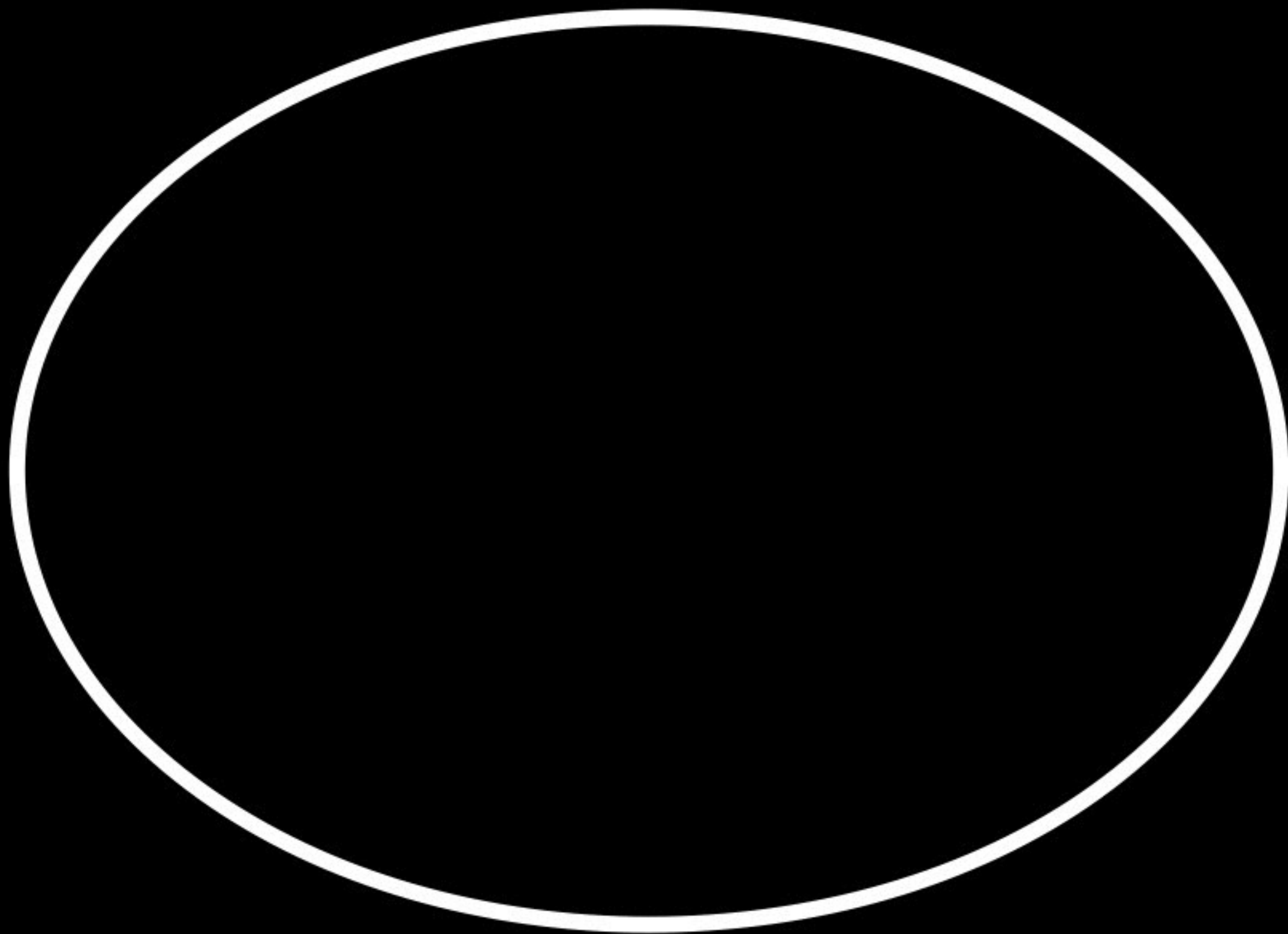
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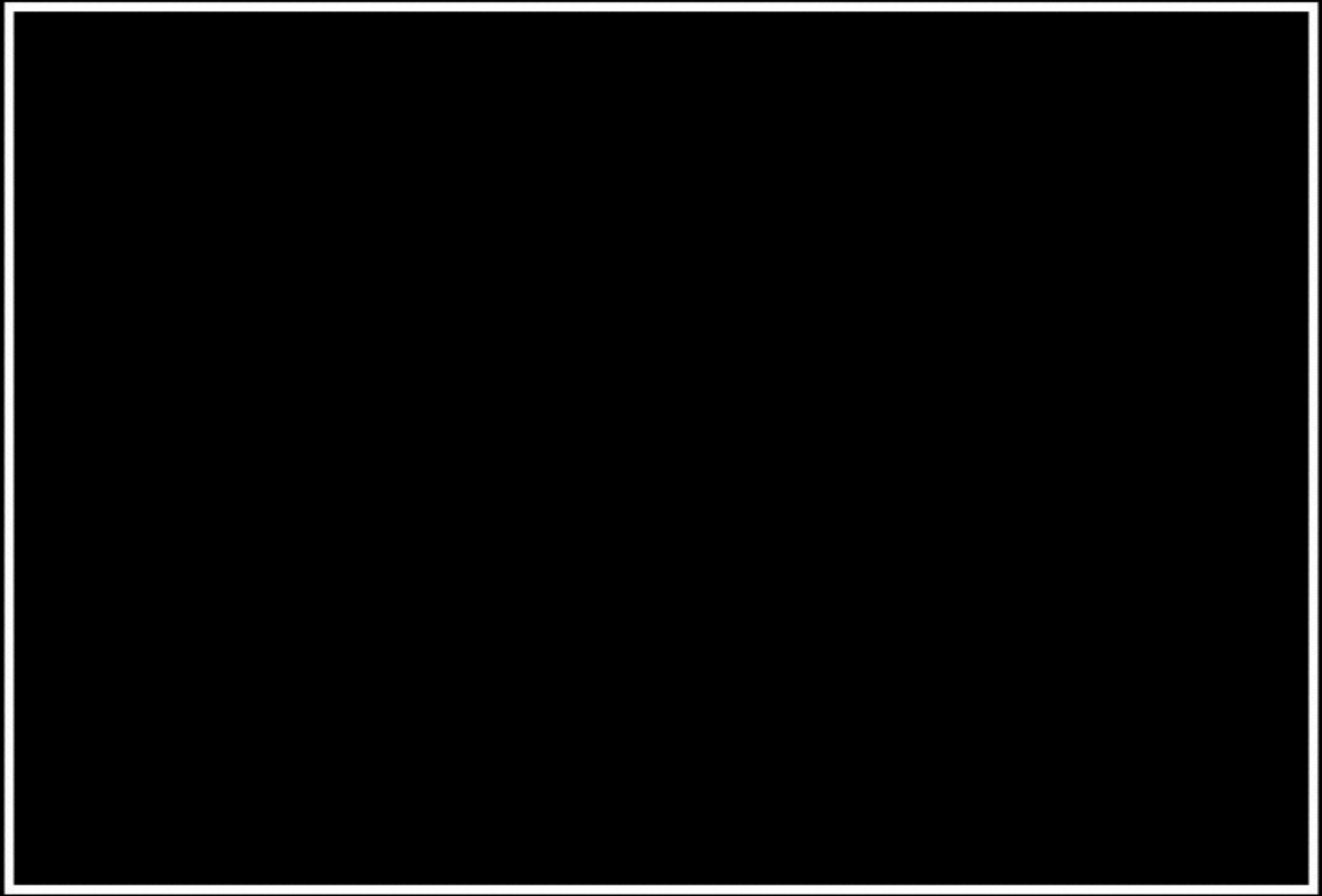


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liberty, in all things charity

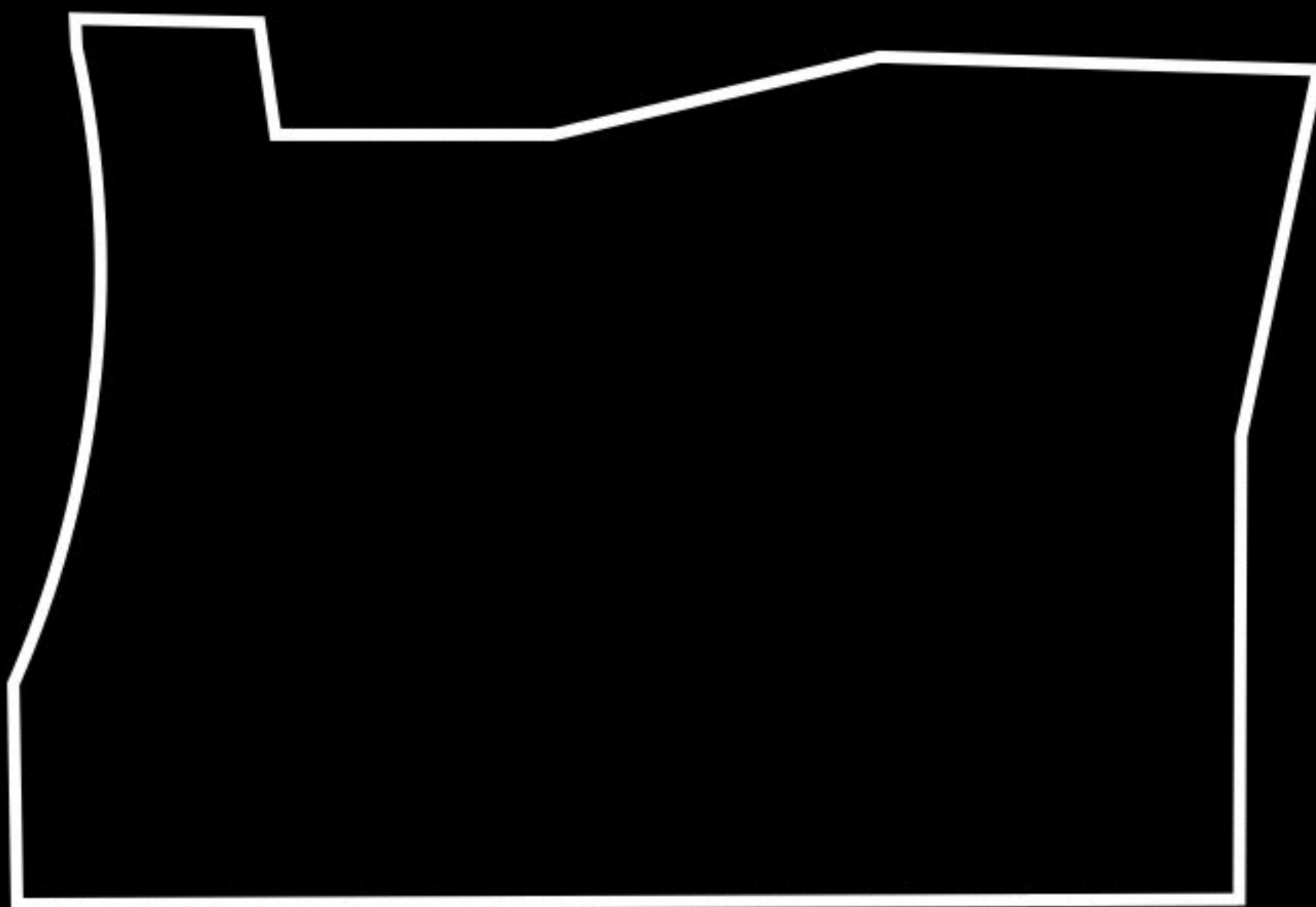
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# Healthy Disagreement Within The Church

















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# Deciding On Essentials

Die  
Divide  
Debate  
Decide

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, **dissensions, divisions**, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:19-21

#	Level of Agreement	Activity
1	"I agree."	Agree to move forward
2	"I have no preference, I am neutral."	Agree to move forward
3	"I agree, but have some reservation."	State concern but agree to move forward regardless
4	"I disagree based on personal opinion."	State concern and reasoning. Discuss if biblical backing is present to overrule personal opinion. If so, move forward in agreement, possibly with alterations to deal with experience. If not move to #7.
5	"I disagree based on experience."	State concern and reasoning. Discuss if biblical backing is present to overrule experience. If so, move forward in agreement, possibly with alterations to deal with experience. If not, move to #7.
6	"I disagree based on biblical precedent."	State concern and reasoning. Discuss if biblical backing is present to counter this perspective. If so, move forward in agreement, possibly with alterations to deal with additional biblical basis. If not, move to #7.
7	"I disagree and will not be able to participate or continue."	The goal is that we will never come to this point. If for some reason it does occur, we all have the ability to remove ourselves from the discussion in protest that biblical backing is not being used.

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul,"



or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow  
Cephas," or "I follow Christ." Is Christ  
divided? Was Paul crucified for you?  
Or were you baptized in the name of  
Paul?

1 Corinthians 1:10-13

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11

I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche  
to agree in the Lord.

Philippians 4:2

# Healthy Decision Making In The Church

# Methods of Studying The Bible

**Deductive:** Me and my trusted expert and the Bible

**Inductive:** Me and the Bible

**Retroductive:** Examine all opinions through the filter of the Bible

Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

Acts 17:11

# The Example of Healthy Disagreement - Predestination

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This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

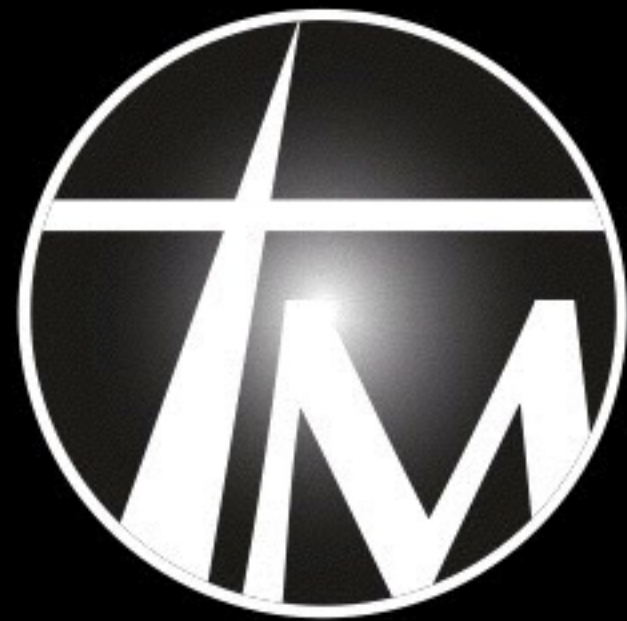
1 Timothy 2:3-6







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MISSION

*“Go Therefore and Make Disciples...”*