



THE
GOSPEL *of* **JOHN**

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 17:20–23

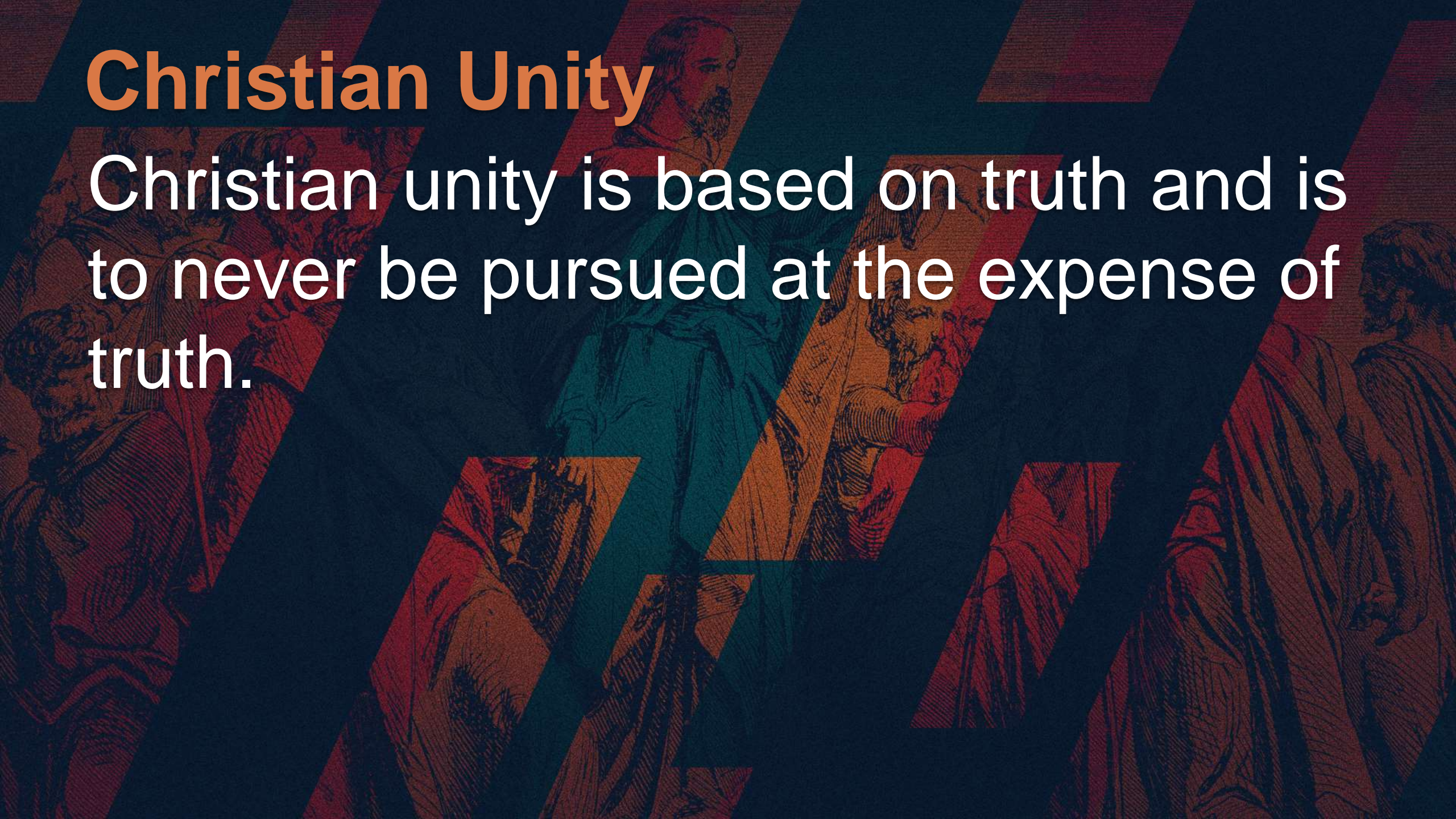
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John 17:20–23

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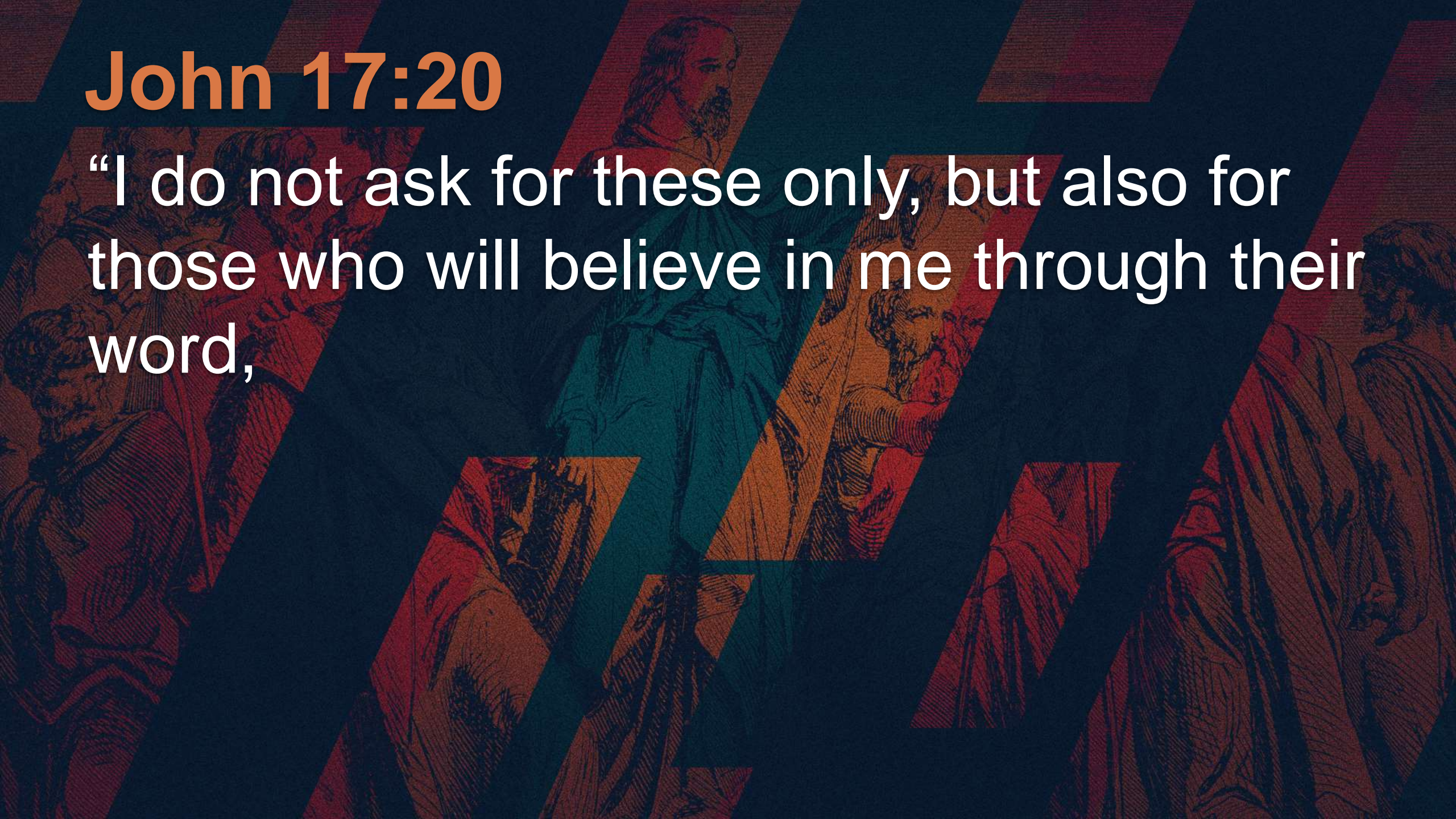
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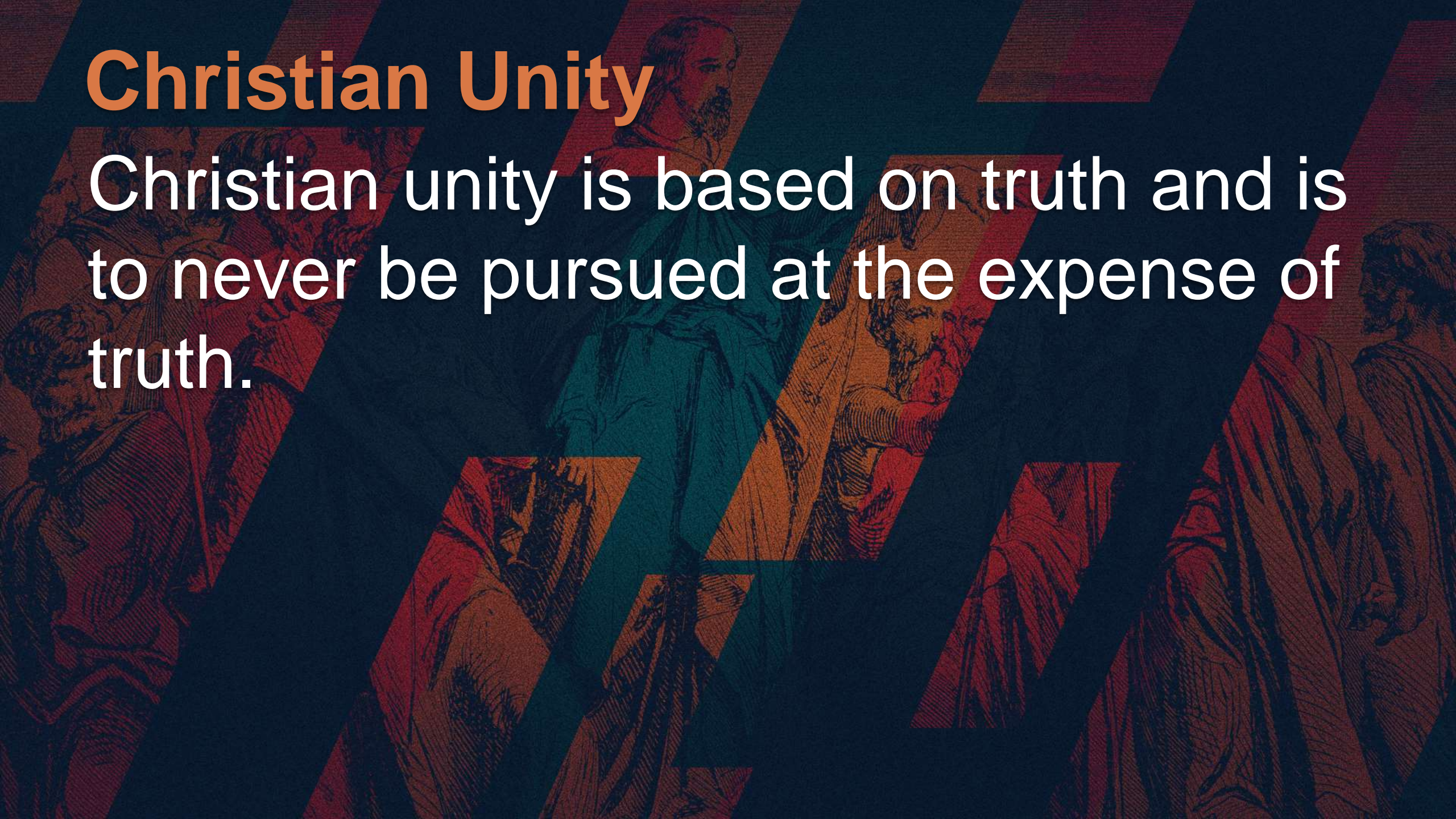
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So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,

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²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Christian Unity

The background features a dark, textured illustration of a church interior. Several figures are depicted in various poses of prayer and devotion, rendered in a style reminiscent of classical religious art. The color palette is dominated by deep blues, reds, and oranges, creating a somber and contemplative atmosphere.

Biblical truth is foundational to Biblical faith and therefore necessary for Biblical unity.

Christian Unity

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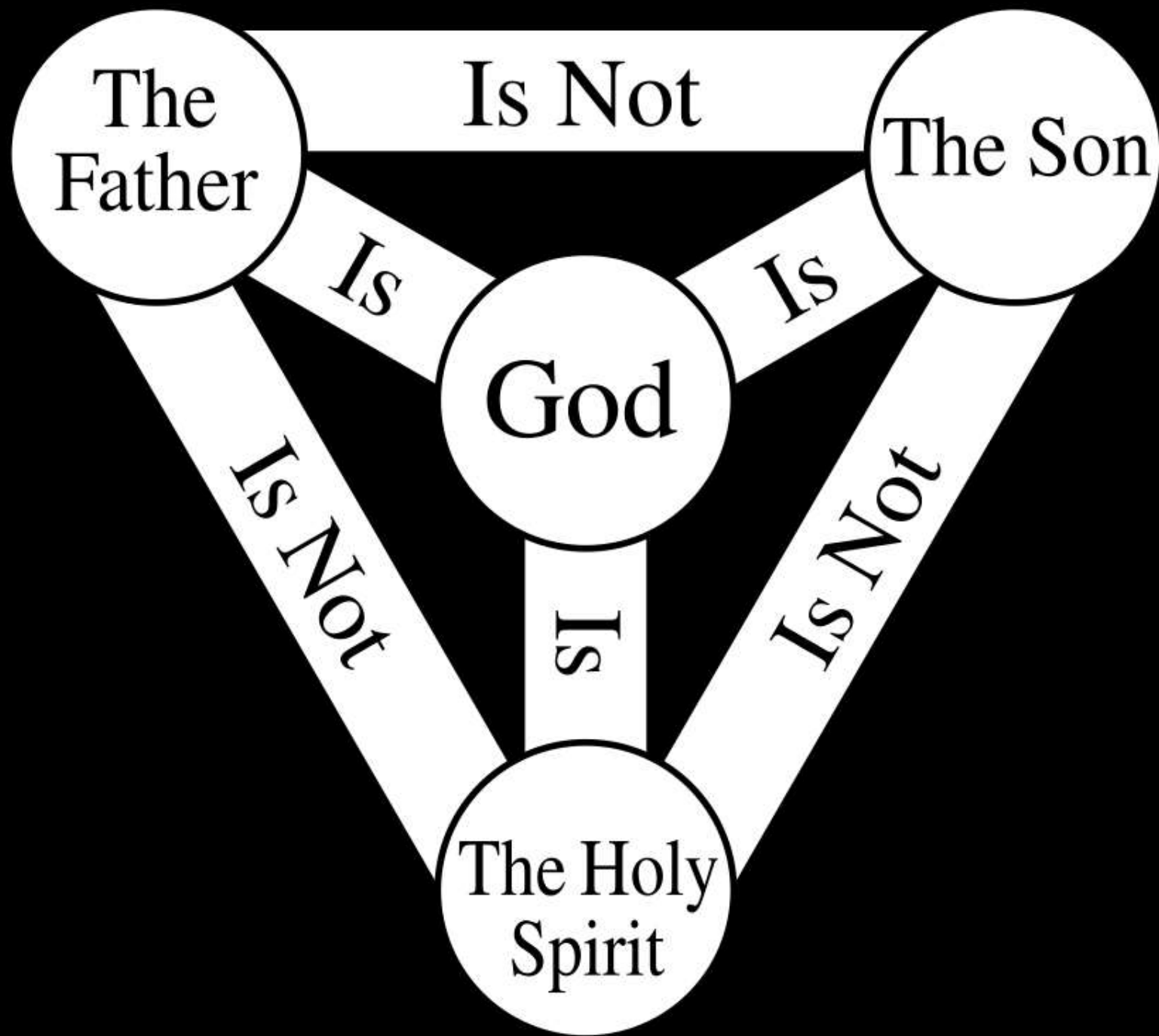
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The background features a detailed illustration of the Last Supper, showing Jesus and his twelve apostles seated around a table. The scene is rendered in a dark, textured style with a color palette of deep reds, blues, and oranges. A large, semi-transparent letter 'A' is superimposed over the center of the image, with its top bar extending across the top of the text area.

1. The relational unity of the Trinity
2. The Church's union with Christ

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The background features a dark, textured illustration of a church interior. In the center, a man with a beard and long hair, likely Jesus, is depicted in profile, wearing a blue robe. He is surrounded by other figures in various poses of prayer and devotion. The scene is rendered in a style reminiscent of a woodcut or engraving, with fine lines and cross-hatching for shading. The overall color palette is dominated by deep blues, reds, and browns, creating a somber and reverent atmosphere.

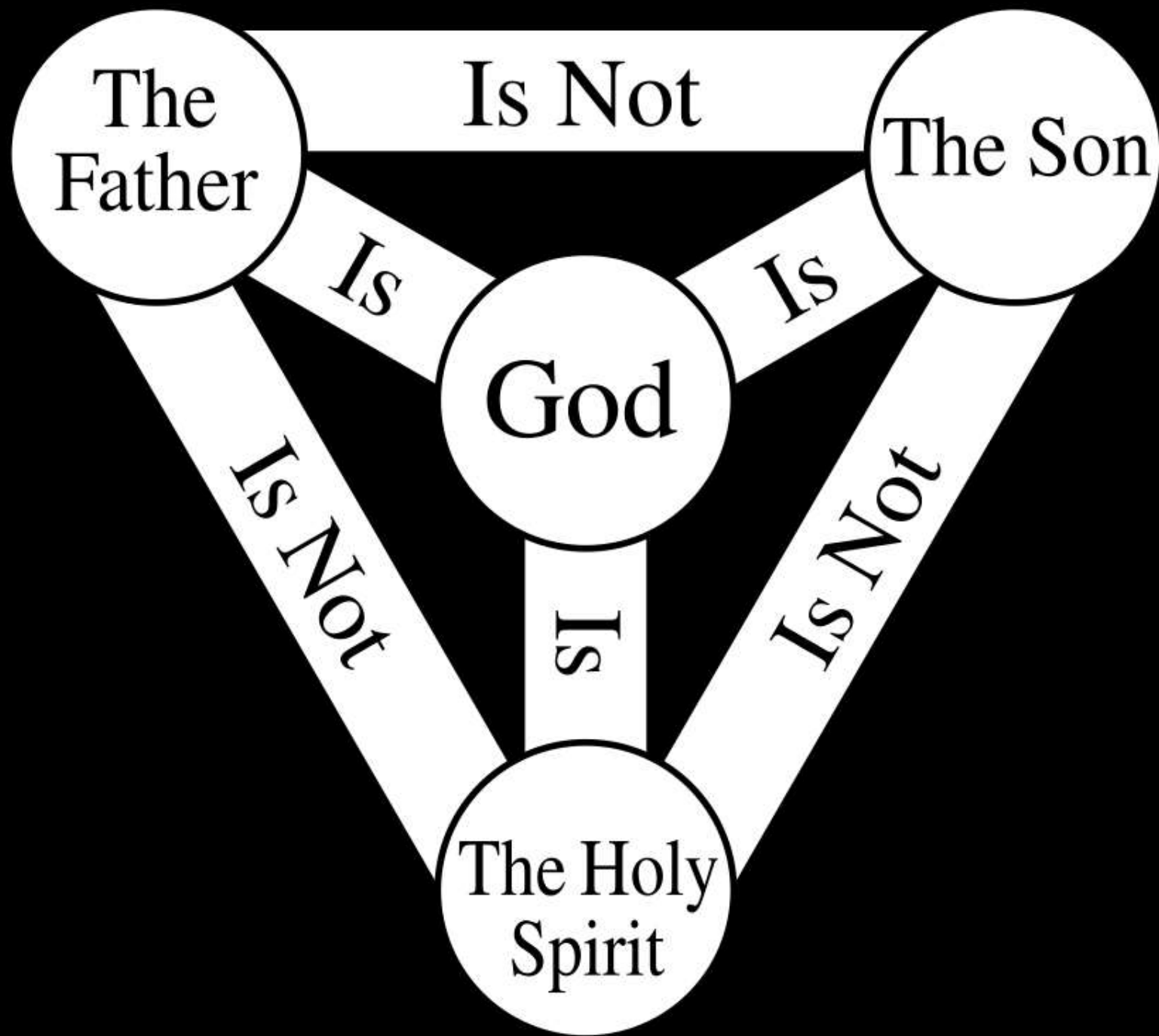
Christian unity should also be visible and experiential so that the world might believe.

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Relationship of love

Relationship of submission

Relationship of humility and deference

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The background features a detailed illustration of a church council or synod, with several men in traditional robes seated around a table. A large, semi-transparent 'X' is overlaid on the scene, with the left and right arms colored in a reddish-brown hue and the top and bottom arms in a teal color. The overall lighting is dark, with the text providing the primary source of illumination.

Disagreements and even division is inevitable but discord should be unacceptable.