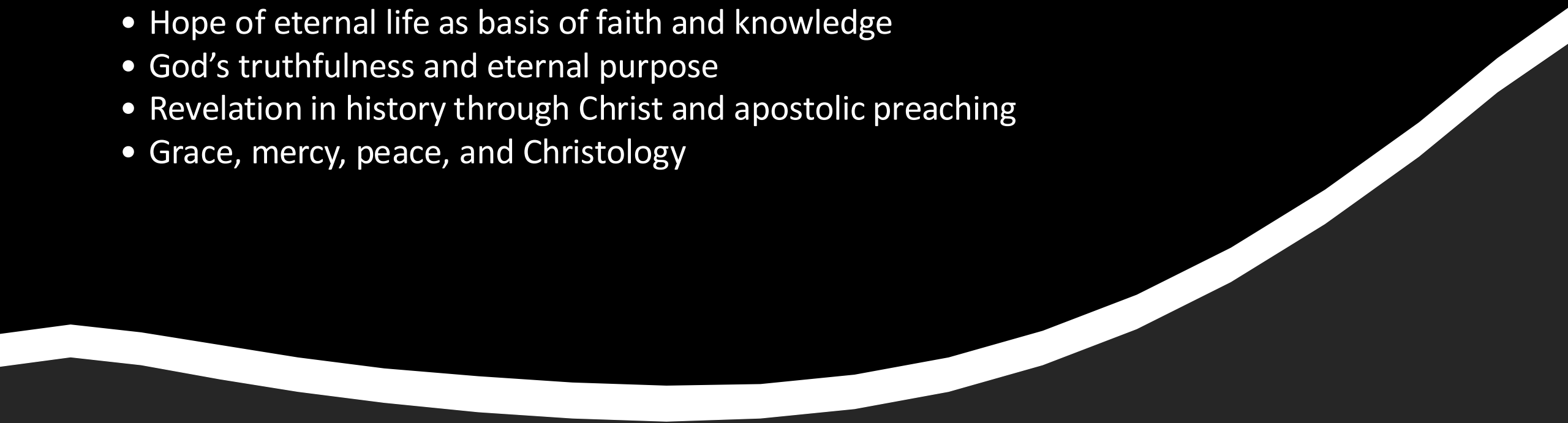


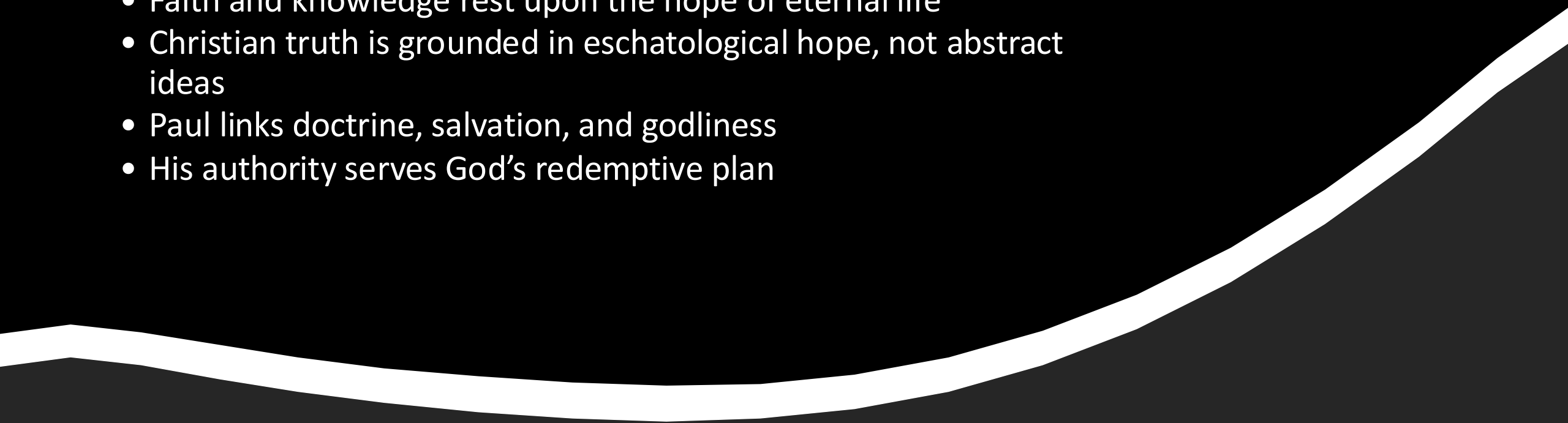
Paul's Theology in Titus 1:2–4

Bible Study Deck: Eternal Promise, Revelation,
Apostolic Authority, and Christology

Study Overview

- Theological foundation of Paul's apostleship
 - Hope of eternal life as basis of faith and knowledge
 - God's truthfulness and eternal purpose
 - Revelation in history through Christ and apostolic preaching
 - Grace, mercy, peace, and Christology
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Titus 1:2 – Foundation of Apostolic Authority

- Faith and knowledge rest upon the hope of eternal life
 - Christian truth is grounded in eschatological hope, not abstract ideas
 - Paul links doctrine, salvation, and godliness
 - His authority serves God's redemptive plan
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The God Who Does Not Lie

- Greek expression: ho apseudēs theos
- Highlights God's absolute reliability and truthfulness
- Contrasts with false teachers in Crete (1:10–16)
- Believers can trust God's promises because His character is truthful

Before the Beginning of Time

- Promise made “before the beginning of time” (pro chronōn aiōniōn)
- Salvation originates in God’s eternal counsel
- Redemption was not a reaction to sin but part of God’s eternal purpose
- Paul presents a God-centered view of salvation history

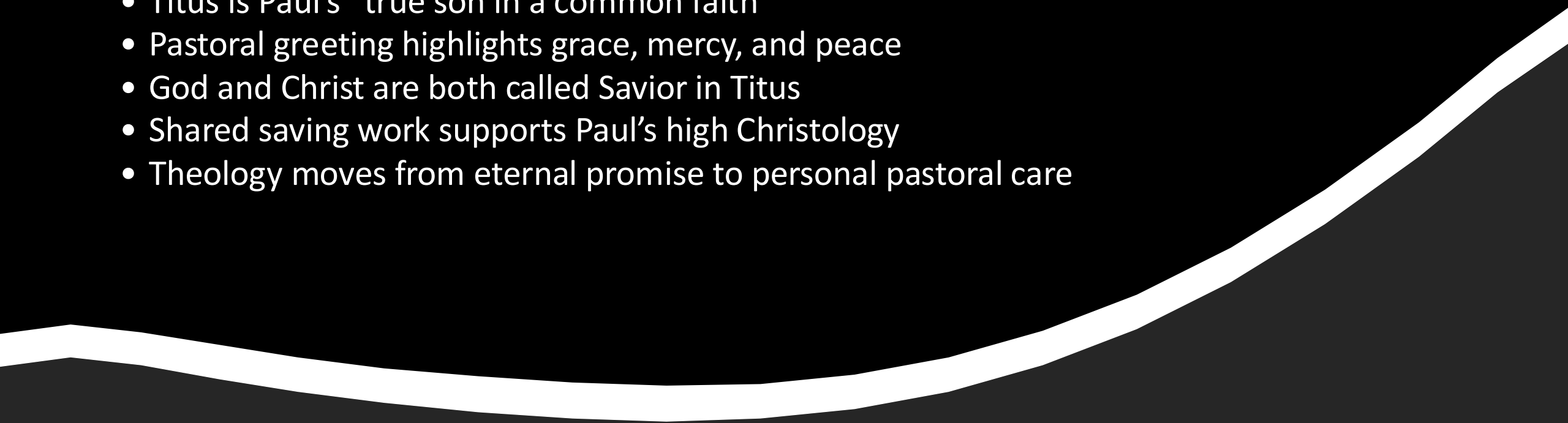
Titus 1:3 – Revelation and Commission

- God revealed His plan at the appointed seasons (kairois idiois)
- The aorist verb “made manifest” points to a completed historical revelation
- Climax found in Christ and apostolic proclamation
- Paul’s ministry is a stewardship entrusted by God

God Our Savior & Pauline Authority

- Paul's authority is received, not self-appointed
- "Entrusted to me" emphasizes divine commission
- God is called Savior, uniting Jew and Gentile under one saving purpose
- Authority flows from God's command

Titus 1:4 – Grace, Mercy, Peace & Christology

- Titus is Paul's "true son in a common faith"
 - Pastoral greeting highlights grace, mercy, and peace
 - God and Christ are both called Savior in Titus
 - Shared saving work supports Paul's high Christology
 - Theology moves from eternal promise to personal pastoral care
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Key Theological Takeaways

1. Salvation originates in God's eternal purpose
2. Faith and knowledge are grounded in hope
3. God's truthfulness guarantees His promises
4. Revelation unfolds in God's timing
5. Apostolic authority is divinely entrusted
6. God and Christ share the saving work