

ASSURANCE OF HOPE

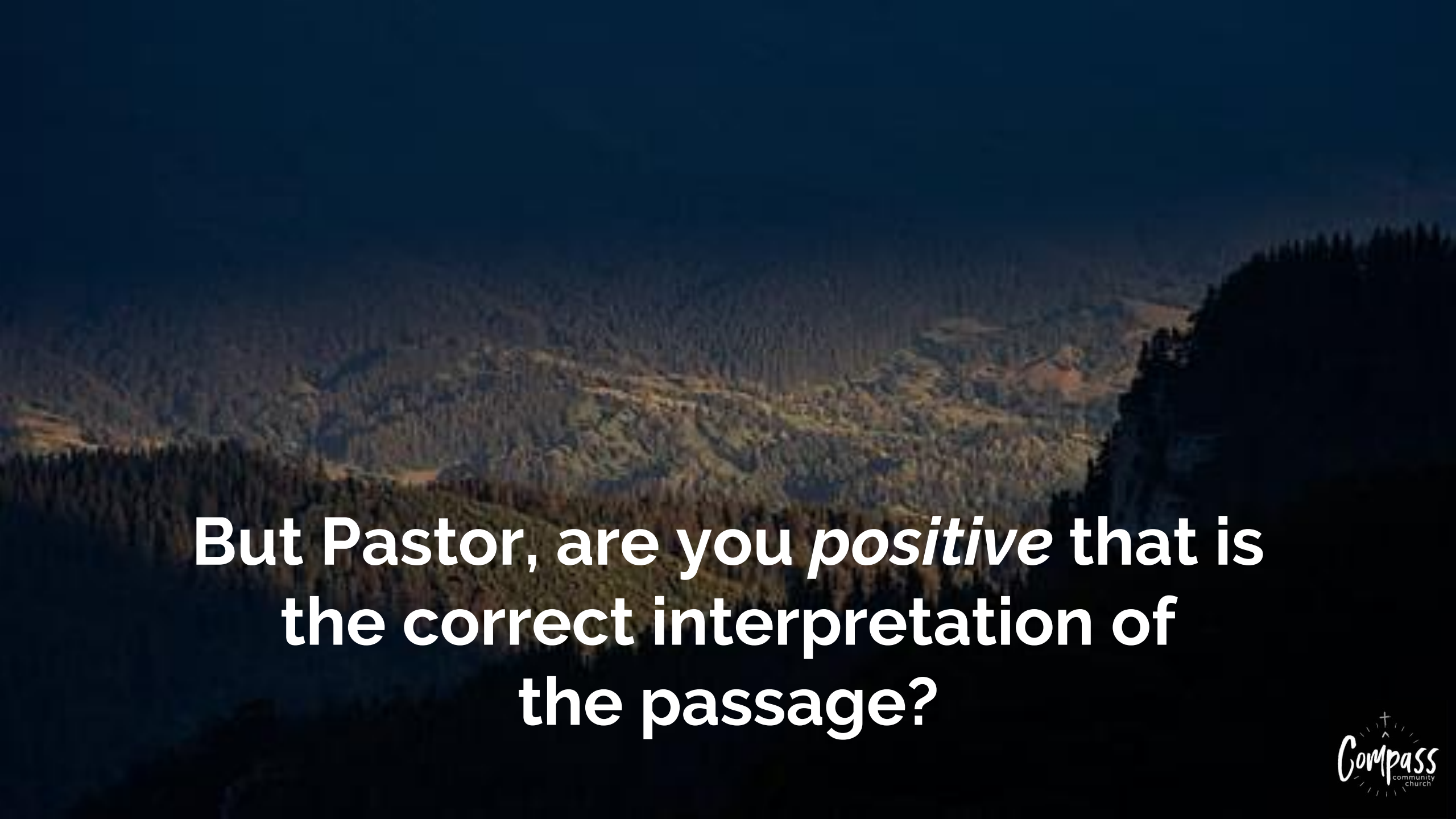
They've been enlightened vs. 4
Tasted the heavenly gift vs. 4
Shared in the Holy Spirit vs. 4
Tasted goodness of God's word vs. 5
and powers of age to come vs. 5



Ground that produces fruit is blessed by God. 6:7
Ground that produces thrones is burned. 6:8

19 They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us . . .

1 John 2:19



**But Pastor, are you *positive* that is
the correct interpretation of
the passage?**

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students of Scripture.**

2 Timothy 2:15

Hebrews 5:11-6:2

**the Berean Jews were of more noble character
...for they received the message with great
eagerness and examined the Scriptures every
day to see if what Paul said was true. Acts**

17:11

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Like the whole book of Revelation!

To really assess the scandal of Protestant disunity, we must turn elsewhere . . .

the Center for Global Christianity at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, which is evangelical Protestant, estimates that there are currently 47,000 denominations.

The National Catholic Register

**THIS DOES NOT MEAN
WE SHOULDN'T CARE
ABOUT OUR THEOLOGICAL
DISTINCTIVES – THEY MATTER!**


⁹But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and *things that accompany salvation*, though we are speaking in this way.¹⁰For God is not unjust so as to forget your work

and the love which you have shown toward
His name, in having ministered and in still
ministering to the saints. ¹¹And we desire
that each one of you show the same
diligence so as to realize the full **assurance**
of hope

until the end, ¹²so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Hebrews 6:9-11

What are these “*things that accompany salvation*” which should give us “*the full assurance of hope?*”



**Two things:
one stems from our own actions;
one is from God**

Works of love,

Ministering to the saints 6:10

Made public spectacles for Christ 10:33

Sharing with those who were mistreated 33

Showed sympathy to Christian prisoners 34

JOYFULLY accepted seizure of property 34



**By this will all men know that you
are my disciples, that you
love one another.**

John 13:35



SECOND
We have God's own promise

¹⁷ God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise **could be perfectly sure** that he would **never change his mind.** ¹⁸ So God has given **both his promise and his oath.** These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge **can have great confidence** as we hold to the hope that lies **before us.**

¹⁹This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary.²⁰ Jesus has already gone in there for us. He has become our eternal High Priest . . .