

Next Week Sermon

Overcoming the World

1 John 5: 1-21

PREACHER

Lee Yee Dian

2 July, 2023

Understanding the Nature of Temptation

James 1:13-18

PREACHER

Dr. Peter Ng

9 July, 2023

Are We Saved by Faith or by Works

James 2:14-26

PREACHER

Dr. Peter Ng



THE CHRISTIAN AND LOVE

1 John 3:11-24; 4:7-21



Worlds oldest
love Poem
Sumeria
*The Love
Song of Shu-
Sin is*


2037-2039BC



WORLDS IDEA OF LOVE



WHY CAN'T WE LOVE?

A close-up photograph of a person wearing a red ribbed sweater, sitting and reading an open Bible. Their hands are visible, holding the pages. A black watch is on their left wrist. The background is blurred.

686 times
NIV
425 OT
261 NT

- Storge
- Agape
- Phileo
- Eros

- Mania
- Ludus
- Pragma
- Philautia

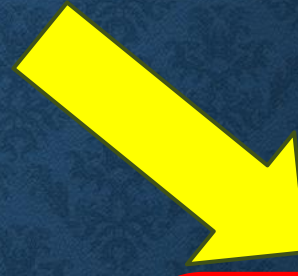


THE CONTEXT-CHILDREN OF GOD

1 John 3:10 (ESV) By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil:



whoever does not
practice
righteousness is not
of God



nor is the one who
does not love his
brother.



THE MAIN IMPERATIVE



1 John 3:11 (ESV) For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

6 References on love

1 John 3:23; 4:7, 11, 12; 2 John 5

WHY WE SHOULD LOVE...

A. Love is our new nature

B. Love is our response to His love

C. Our Love completes His



LOVE IS BORN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS



1 John 3:12 We should not be
like Cain, who was of the evil
one and murdered his brother.
And why did he murder him?
Because his own deeds were
evil and his brother's
righteous



Hebrews 11:4 (ESV) By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks



Genesis 4:4–5 (ESV) And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, 5 but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.



RIGHTEOUSNESS

UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

LOVE

HATE



NO PLACE FOR
INDIFFERENCE

WHOEVER DOES NOT
LOVE ABIDES IN DEATH

LOVE

HATE

OUR UNDERSTANDING AND EXPERIENCE OF LOVE COMES FROM HIM IT IS NOT INTRINSIC TO OUR FALLEN NATURE

1 John 3:16-17 By this we know love, that he
1 John 4:10 (ESV) In this is love, not that we
laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay
have loved God but that he loved us and sent his
down our lives for the brothers. 17 But if anyone
Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
has the world's goods and sees his brother in need,
yet closes his heart against him, how does God's
love abide in him?



GOD IS LOVE

1 John 4:7-8 (ESV)

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.



Trinity

Intra-Trinitarian

God's Love



All peoples



Church

A GLIMPSE INTO INTRA-TRINITARIAN LOVE



John 5:19–20 (ESV) So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel.

THE SON'S LOVE

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John 14:31 but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father.

Rise, let us go from here.

Obedience

Functional
subordination


Motive=Love

Perfect
Reflection

THE SON'S STATUS

John 5:19b For whatever the Father
does, that the Son does likewise.

Co-equal



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THE FATHER'S LOVE

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Full

Disclosure

Based on Love

THE FATHER'S LOVE FOCUSES ON THE GLORY OF THE SON

John 5:22–23 For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, 23 that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

Honor the Son

Because he did better than me.

NOORMAN'S FATHER

*As a father I
feel proud
because he did
better than me.
He must do
better than me*



OTHER ORIENTATED ^{THE OBJECT OF LOVE}

John 3:16 (ESV) 16 "For God so loved the world,
Father and the Son ~~is the standard~~,
that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes
for all other love relationships.
in him should not perish but have eternal life.

THE STANDARD OF LOVE

INTRATRINITARIAN LOVE EXTENDS TO US

EDWARDS



John 15:9–12 (ESV) As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

THE NATURE OF LOVE IS OTHER CENTEREDNESS

12 “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

Intra-trinitarian Love

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JOY

is a

Gift *from* God

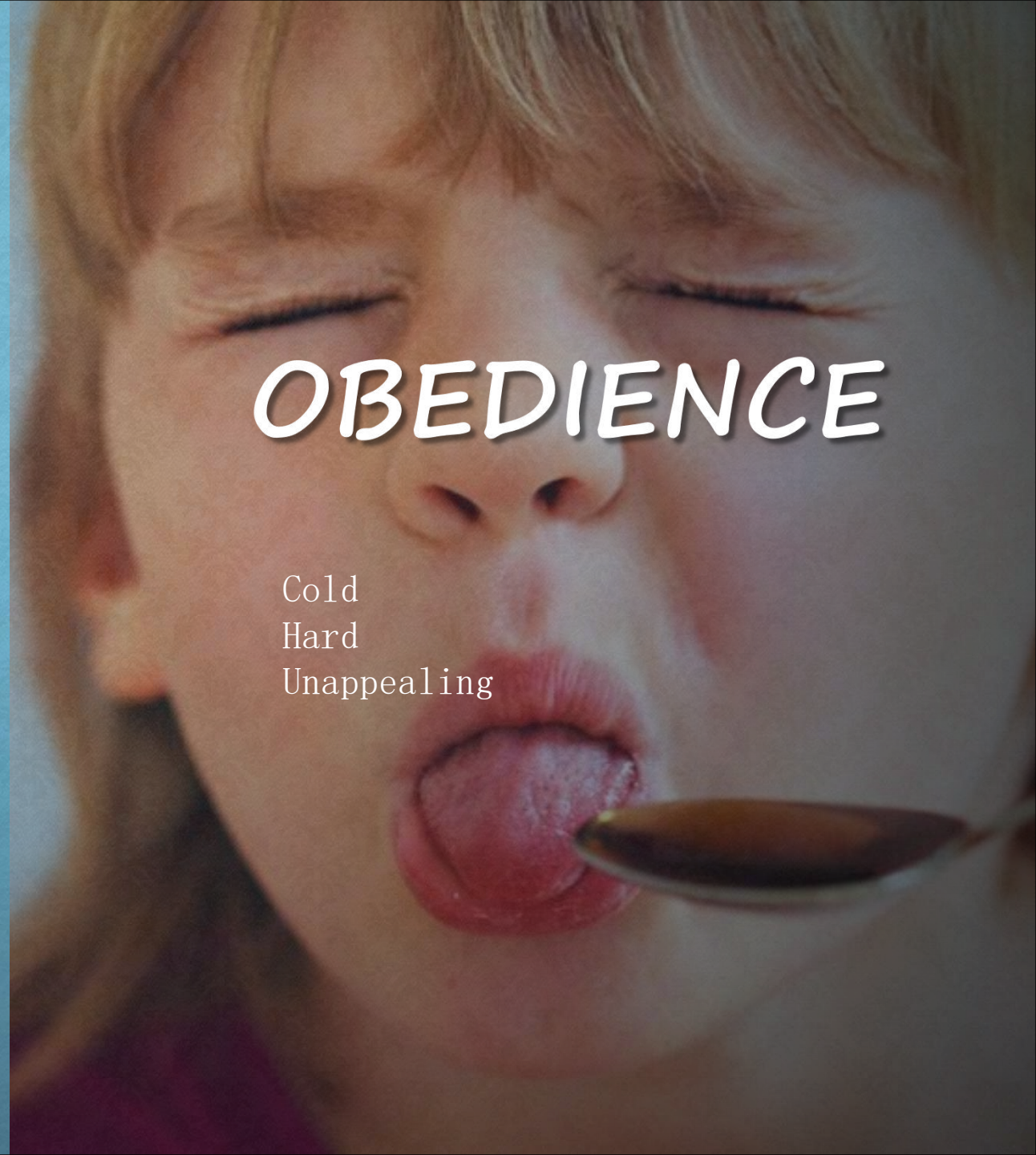


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LOVE

Warm
Fuzzy
Encouraging



OBEDIENCE

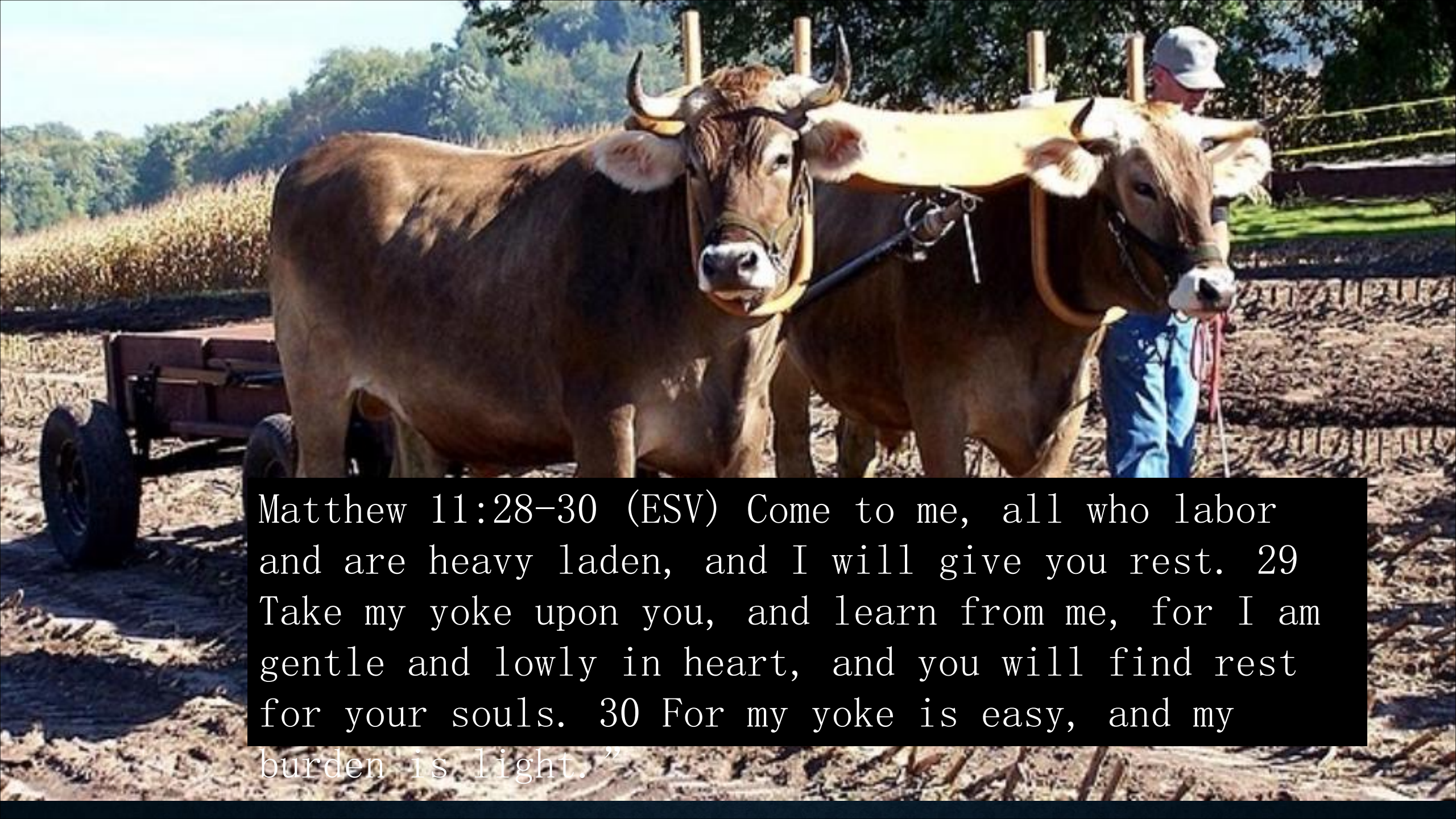
Cold
Hard
Unappealing

A black and white portrait of Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. He is an older man with white hair and a prominent white mustache. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a white shirt and a dark tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. The background is dark and out of focus, showing what appears to be a bookshelf.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

if certain clergymen I knew had not looked and acted so much like undertakers."



Matthew 11:28–30 (ESV) Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Dallas Willard



WHY WE DON'T LOVE

*Failure to attain a
deeply satisfying life
always has the effect
of making sinful
actions seem good.
Herein lies the
strength of temptation*

A man and a woman are sitting on a light-colored couch. The woman, on the left, has dark hair and is wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt with pink suspenders and a pink skirt. She is smiling and looking towards the man. The man, on the right, has short dark hair and is wearing a dark grey t-shirt and dark pants. He is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

SIGN OF THE TIMES

THE AI COMPANION THAT CARES

2 Timothy 3:1-2 (ESV) But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.

2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, *The more you talk to your Replika companion — on the app as an avatar in human form — the more it learns and*

How to Survive in the Corporate Jungle

by
Saleem Sufi

Office
Politics

Work-Life
Integration

Corporate
Deadlines



Fear of
Job
Security

Work
Pressures

Work-Life
Balance

GAY SEX IS SELF LOVE



Love is our power. It's the answer to the questions inside of us. Radical self-love liberates, dismantles, and builds.

Radical self-love leads to happiness, fulfillment, and to each other. When we radically love ourselves, we refuse to accept anything less than



MEANS OF SELF FULFILMENT



The Church Isn't Meeting My Needs 2020



Pastor Brian Moss

WHAT IS FBC

MODIFIED FROM PS BRIAN MOSS

- FBC is a place to gather weekly for worship, but it's up to me whether I will experience the love of God
- FBC is a family I can belong to, but it's up to me to consider how to stir up one another to love and good works
- FBC is a place where gifted teachers will make the Word clear and real but it's up to me to repent and grow in love

WHAT IS A CHURCH

- FBC is a place where I can use my gifts, passion, skills, personality, and life experiences to love others but it's up to me to become a servant
- FBC is a place where I have the chance to love the world by sharing the ministry of the gospel, but it's up to me to actually become a person of impact.

A photograph of Arnold Schwarzenegger sitting at a wooden table with his three animals. He is wearing a black leather jacket and smiling. In front of him are a large brown bear, a small tan Yorkshire Terrier, and a brown pony. The background features a green cabinet with various decorative items.

ARNOLD AND HIS ANIMALS

WHY WE SHOULD LOVE

A. Love is our new nature

B. Love is our response to His love

C. Our Love completes His

Feelings of worthlessness
Low self esteem
Self Hatred
Unable to receive love

LEARN TO
SELF LOVE



GOD'S LOVE IS THE MODEL OUR LOVE IS A RESPONSE TO IT

His love is seen in the sacrifice of His Son

1 John 4:9-10 (ESV) In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10. In

Our love is a response enabled and motivated by His love

loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.



WRACKED BY DIVISIONS

1 Corinthians 1:11–13 (ESV) For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. 12 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."



SPIRITUALITY IS NOT GIFTS

1 Corinthians 13:1–3 (ESV) If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

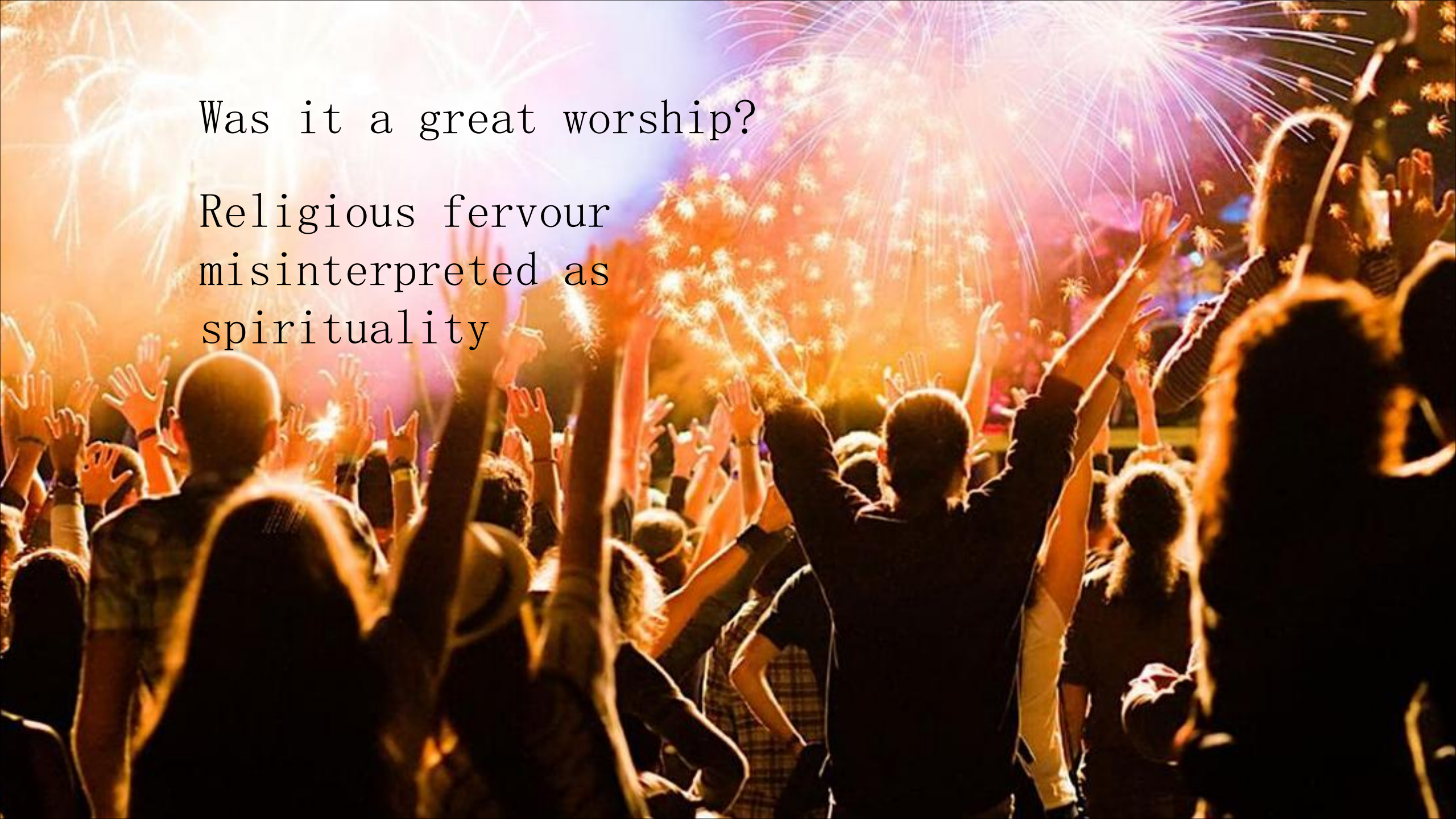
2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,

and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Was it a great worship?

Religious fervour
misinterpreted as
spirituality





THE FIRST GREAT AWAKENING 1730S AND 40S

THE DISTINGUISHING
MARKS OF A WORK OF
THE SPIRIT OF GOD



Jonathan Edwards



THE DISTINGUISHING MARKS OF A WORK OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD



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NEUTRAL SIGNS

- *Bodily effects*
Convulsing, jerking,
laughing
- *Wrought out emotions*
- *Immediate personal
revelation*

THE DISTINGUISHING MARKS OF A WORK OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD



Jonathan Edwards



POSITIVE SIGNS

- 1) A deep and aiding love for the person and work of Christ.
- 2) A deep love for and desire to feast on God's Word.
- 3) An increased love for God and man.
- 4) A desire to kill sin and break the bonds of worldliness.
- 5) 3.. An unshakable conviction of sound doctrine.



KNOWLEDGE IS NOT LOVE

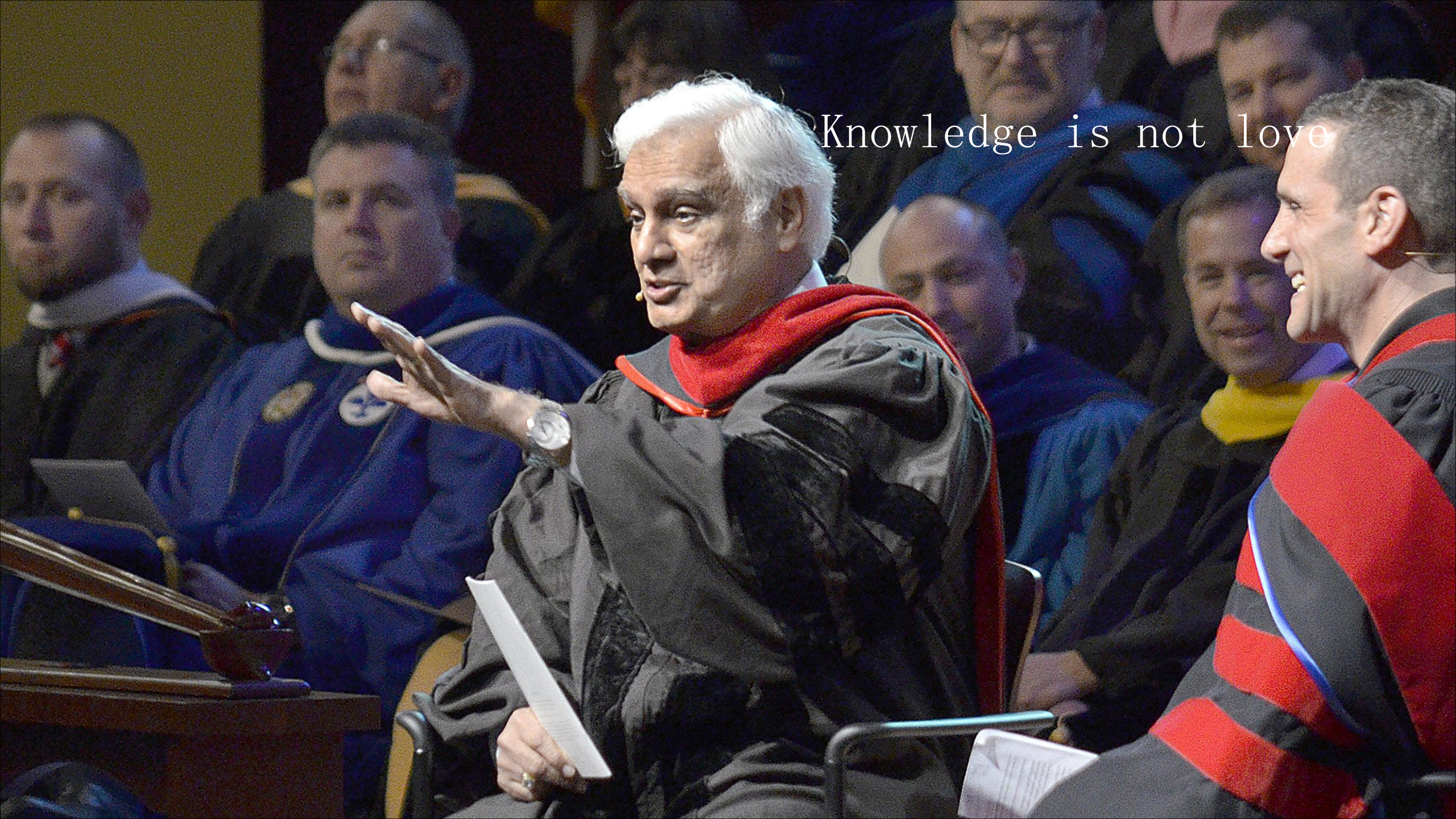
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Knowledge is not love





The biggest hurt was when the verse of throwing pearls to swine from Matthew 7:6 was directed to me (essentially calling me a pig) when I voiced on this and this verse is taken completely out of context (ironic for a church who claims everyone else takes the bible out of context except them).

Kim Sng 2021



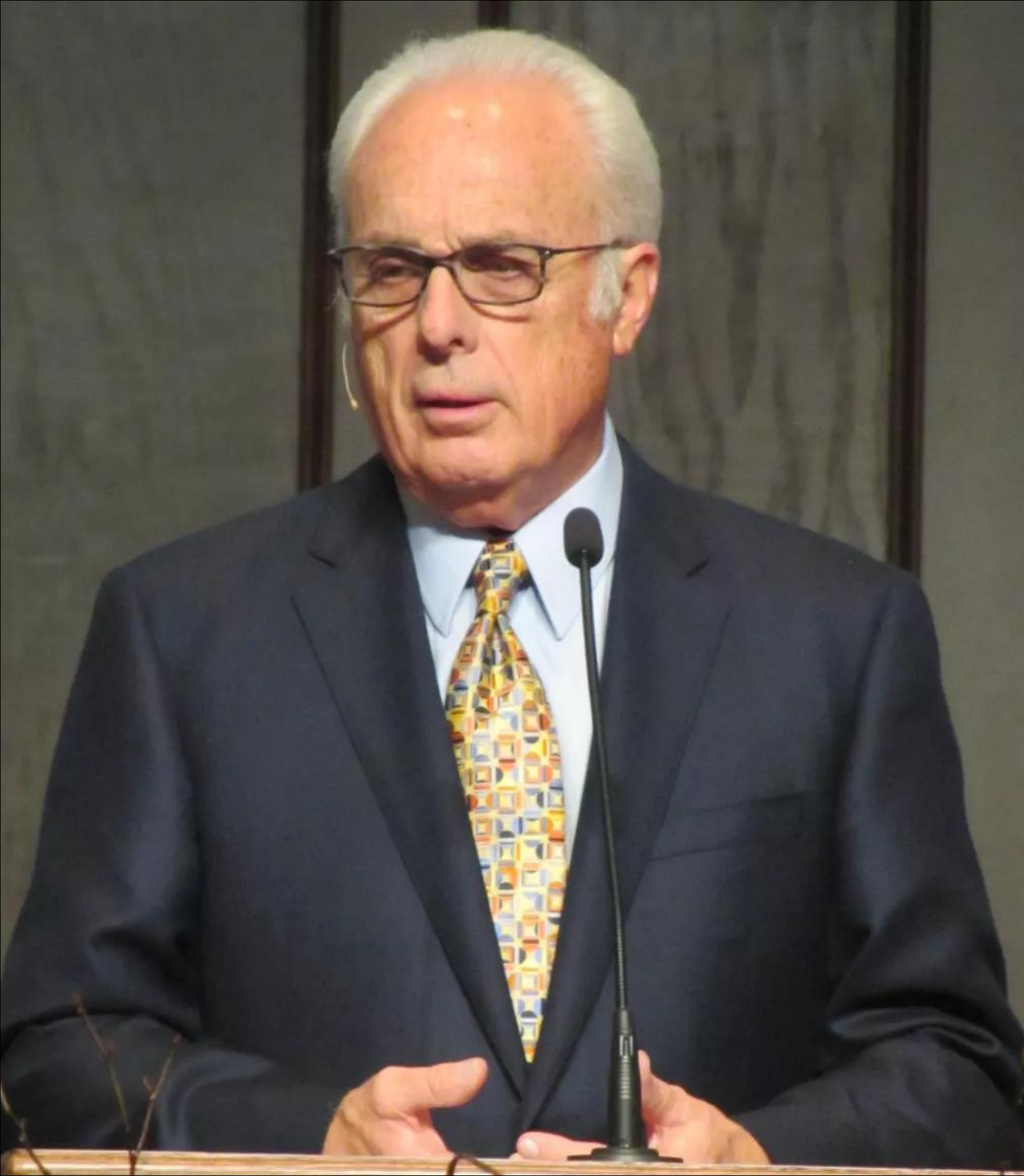
LEADERSHIP GIFTS AND ACHIEVEMENT IS NOT LOVE

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JOHN MACARTHUR GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

“There is no pandemic.”

“There’s another virus loose in the world, and it’s the virus of deception,”

“And the one who’s behind the virus of deception is the arch deceiver Satan himself.”



LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

Matthew 22:39

**And Wear a
Mask**

Community of Sun Valley & Panorama City



MORAL VIRTUE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IS NOT LOVE




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A silhouette of a man in a plaid shirt pushing a person in a wheelchair. They are outdoors on a grassy hill, looking towards a sunset sky with scattered clouds. A tree is visible on the left side of the frame.

Endorphin release
Pleasure center in brain
Reduced premature death 44%
Reduce stress
Increase self esteem

HELPER HIGH





LOVE IS A NOUN

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (ESV) Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.



LOVE

HOW DO I DO IT?



LOVE?

A. WE ARE RESPONDING TO HIM



Matthew 25:40 And the King will answer them,
1 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the
least of these my brothers, you did it to me. 'love
is perfected in us.



A RESPONSIVE LOVE TO HIM

1 John 4:19–21 (ESV) We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.



"SORRY MATE, I'VE
GOT NOTHING
AGAINST THE
QUEEN"



Tim Harries, 2014



B. LOVE ACCORDING TO NEED NOT WORTH

1 John 3:17–18 (ESV) But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth

PROVIDE FOOD
AND SHELTER



ASK HIM TO COME
BACK TO MALAYSIA



HIS REWARD IS IN THE JOY OF HIS PEOPLE



Isaiah 62:11–12 (ESV) Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth:

Say to the daughter of Zion, “Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.” 12 And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.





Oxytocin levels increase



A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a rustic, dark wooden cup. The cup is positioned under a running faucet, and a steady stream of water is pouring out from its spout. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with green grass and a blurred horizon. The word "Love" is written in a black serif font at the top center, and another "Love" is written in the same font to the right of the cup. A quote in white, all-caps, sans-serif font is at the bottom, and another quote in the same font is in the top right corner.

Love

WE CANNOT MANUFACTURE
LOVE WE CAN ONLY PASS IT ON

Love

OUR RESPONSE IS THE OUTWORKING OF
THE EMOTIONAL CAPITAL HE GAVE US



LOVE

1 John 4:10 In this is love,
not that we have loved God
but that he loved us and
sent his Son to be the
propitiation for our sins.

JUSTICE

Its not about you being
right it is about
when we pay for others sins

TRUE LOVE IS COSTLY

LOVE SHINES IN MESSINESS HIS LOVE COMPELS A DEBT OF LOVE THAT MAKES OBEDIENCE POSSIBLE

Brings guilt and regret Brings opportunity to love



You shall not steal, You shall not covet,”
7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all

WHY WE SHOULD LOVE

A. Love is our new nature

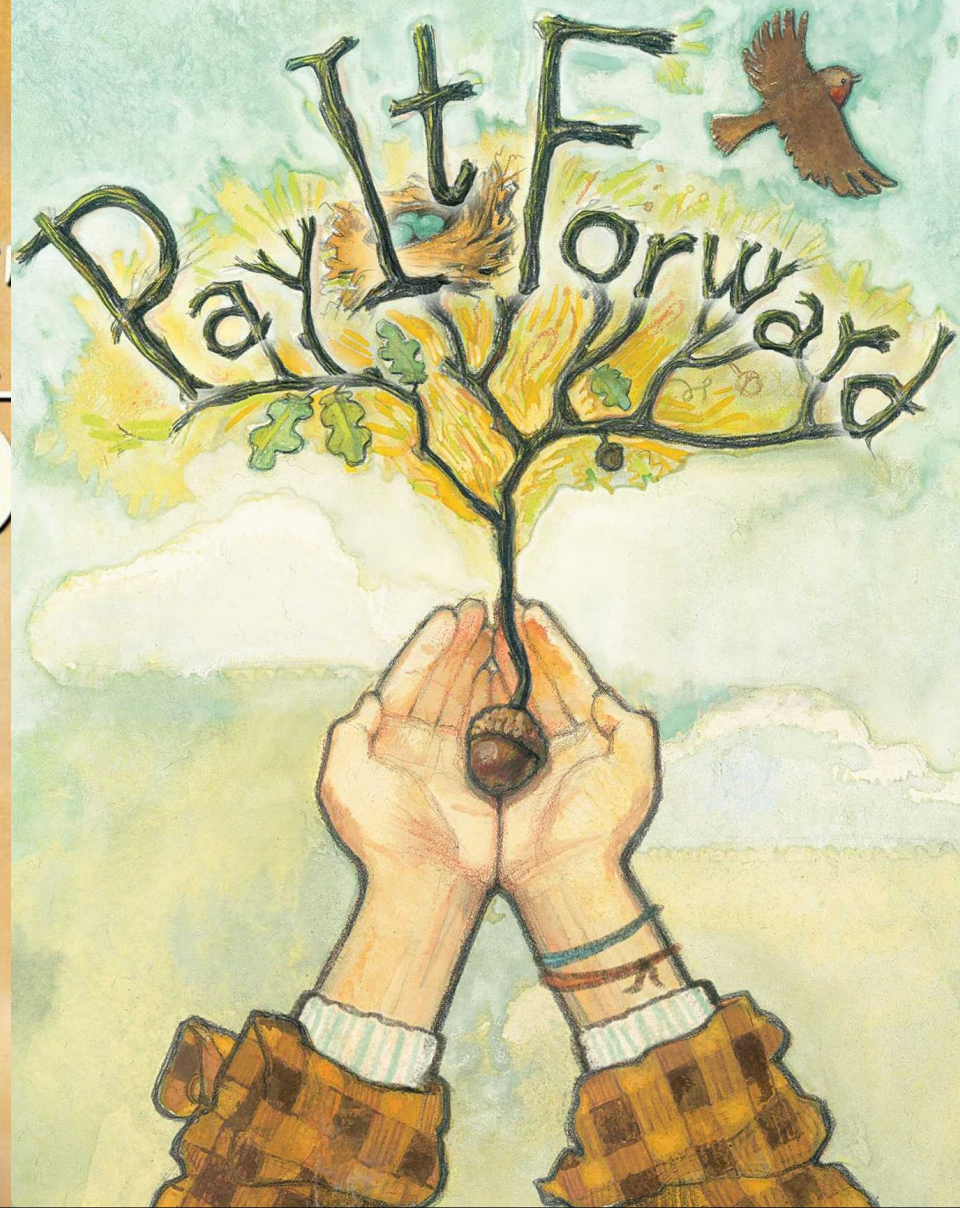
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C. Our Love completes His



PAY IT FORWARD

INTERNATIONALLY BESTSELLING AUTHOR
CATHERINE RYAN HYDE
YOUNG READERS EDITION



A close-up photograph of a white Starbucks coffee cup with a green Siren logo. A yellow sleeve is wrapped around the middle of the cup, and a white tea bag is being pulled out from the bottom. The cup is being held by a person's hand, which is visible at the bottom of the frame. The background is blurred, showing other people in a crowd.

2014 St Petersburg USA
Florida

Love was
stopped by
the 379th
customer






HOW A DOSE OF MDMA TRANSFORMED A WHITE SUPREMACIST

Rachel Nuwer

15th June 2023....BBC

A person wearing a light-colored hoodie is centered in the frame. Their face is completely obscured by deep shadow, leaving only the outline of their head and the texture of the hoodie visible. The background is a solid, dark color.

*"Love is the most
important thing, Nothing
matters without love."*

*Brendan (White
Supremacist)*

"Brilliant, eye-opening, absolutely inspiring—and a riveting read... the perfect book for our time." —CASS R. SUNSTEIN, co-author of *Nudge*

SURVIVAL *of the* FRIENDLIEST



Understanding Our Origins and
Rediscovering Our Common Humanity

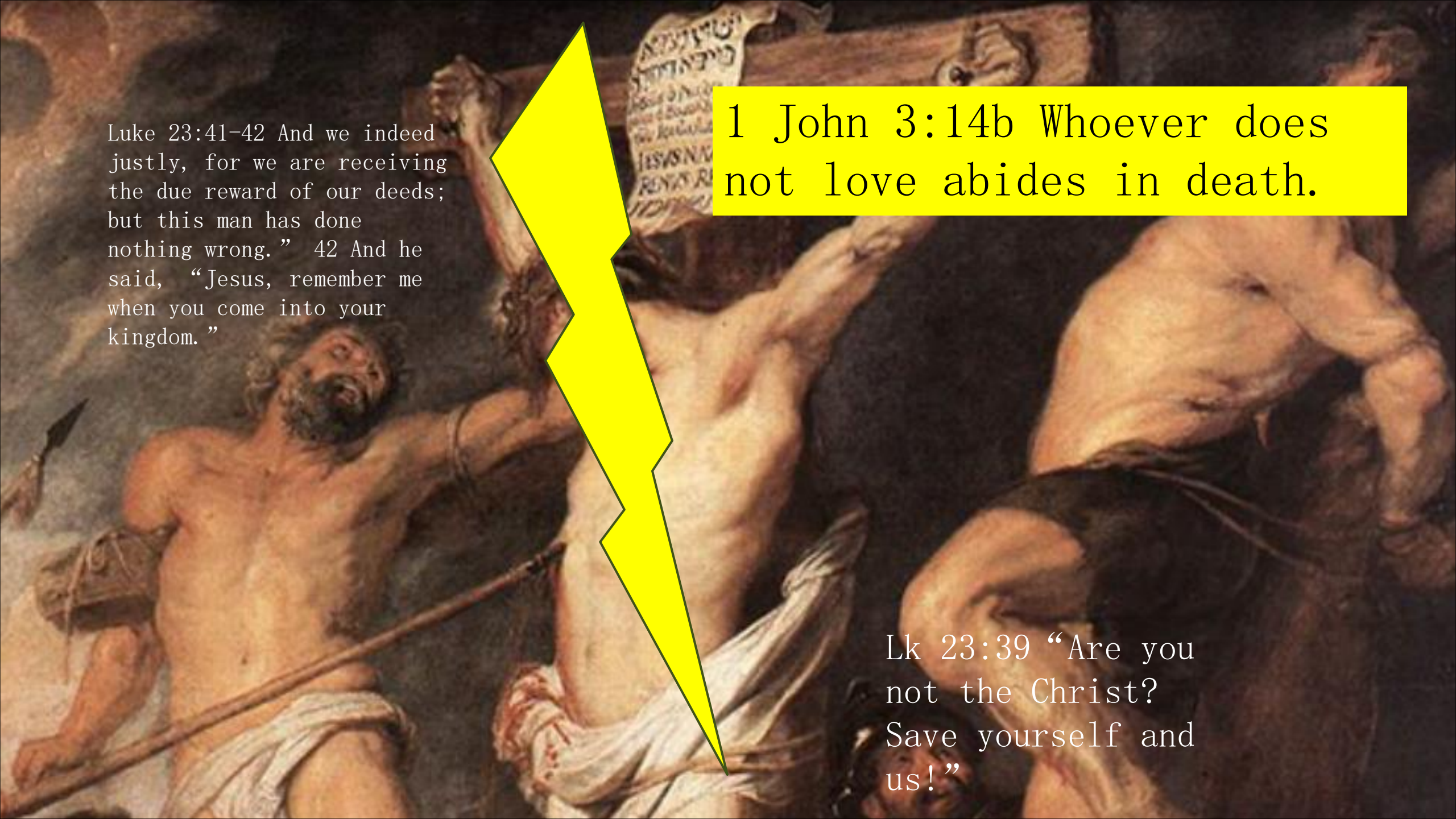
BRIAN HARE
and VANESSA WOODS

Authors of the *New York Times* bestseller *THE GENIUS OF DOGS*

*..human capacity for
compassion, kindness,
empathy, gratitude,
altruism, fairness, trust,
and cooperation are core
features of our natures.*

A grayscale image of a person wearing a hooded sweatshirt, with the hood pulled up over their head. The person's face is obscured by deep shadows. The background is a solid dark color. Overlaid on the person's chest is a white, handwritten-style text.

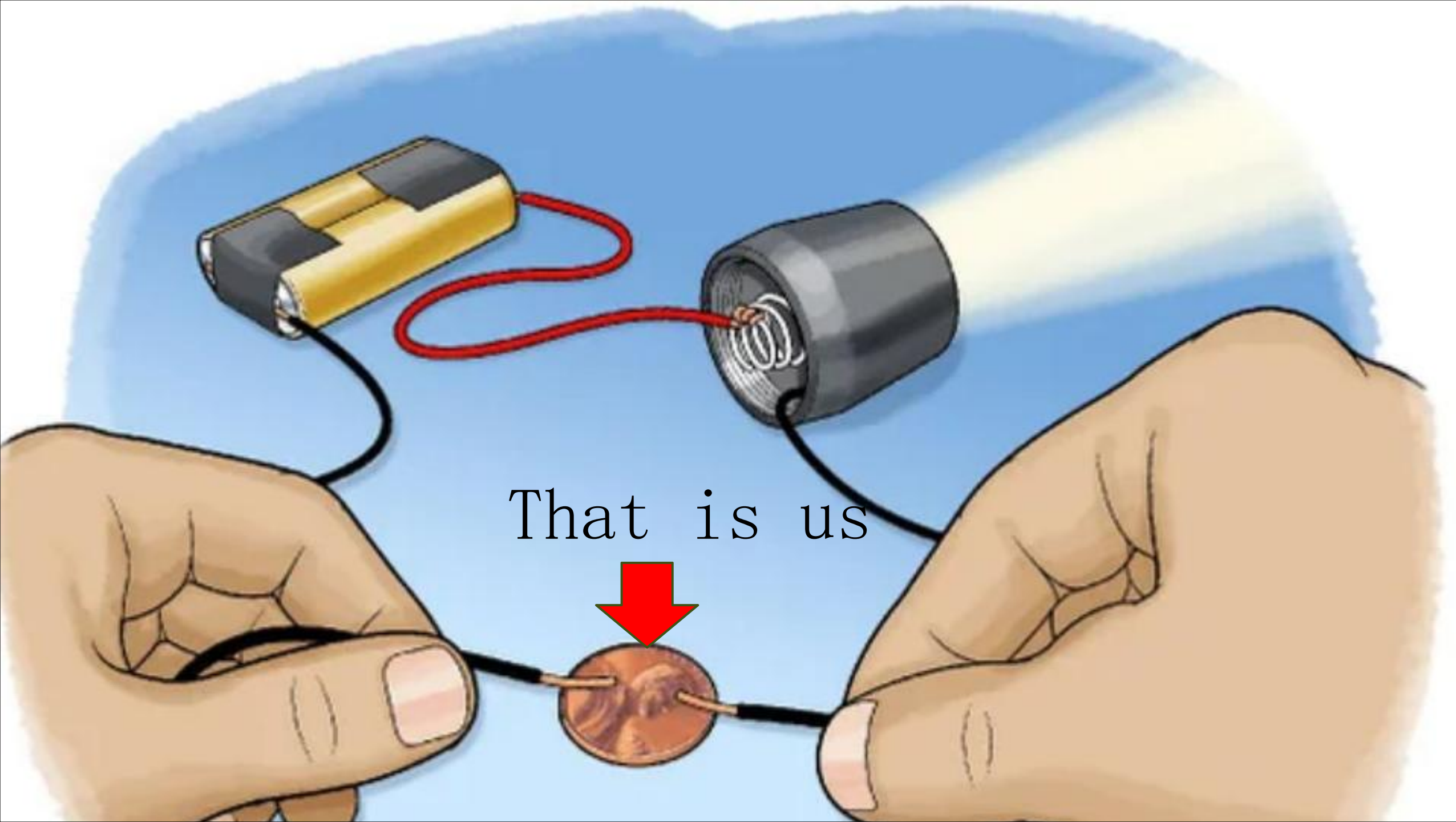
*MDMA does not seem to be
able to magically rid people of
prejudice, bigotry, or hate on
its own*



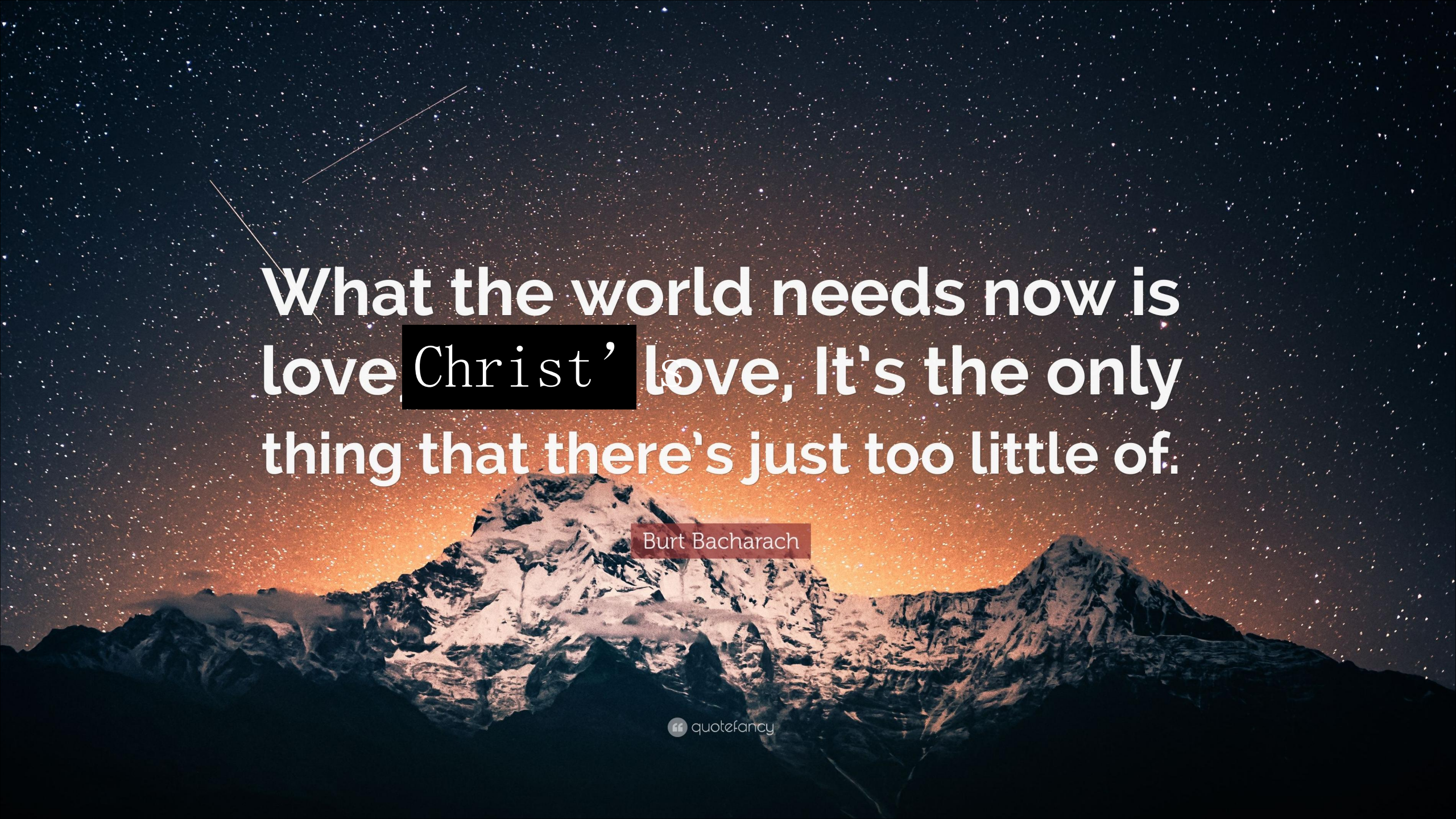
Luke 23:41-42 And we indeed
justly, for we are receiving
the due reward of our deeds;
but this man has done
nothing wrong.” 42 And he
said, “Jesus, remember me
when you come into your
kingdom.”

1 John 3:14b Whoever does
not love abides in death.

Lk 23:39 “Are you
not the Christ?
Save yourself and
us!”



That is us



What the world needs now is
love Christ's love, It's the only
thing that there's just too little of.

Burt Bacharach