
*Loving your oikos
into Heaven*



John 13:34-35

34 A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.



Colossians 3:12-17

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

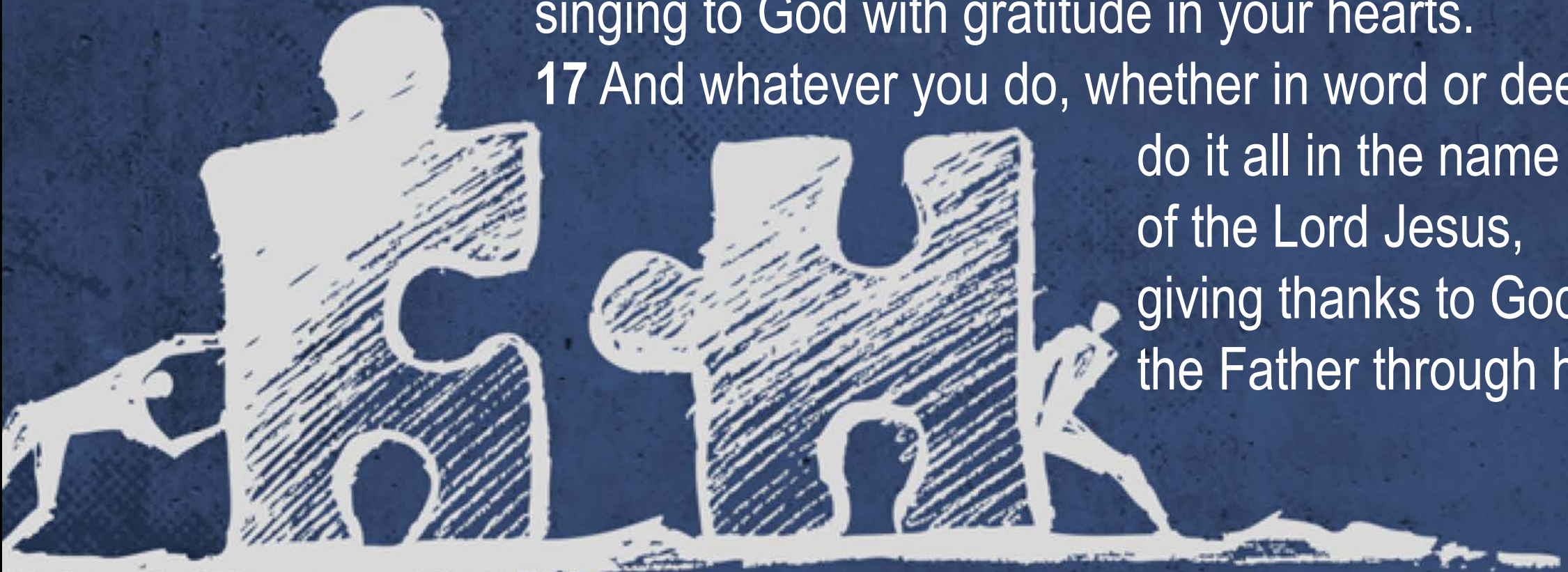
14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.



Colossians 3:12-17

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. **16** Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



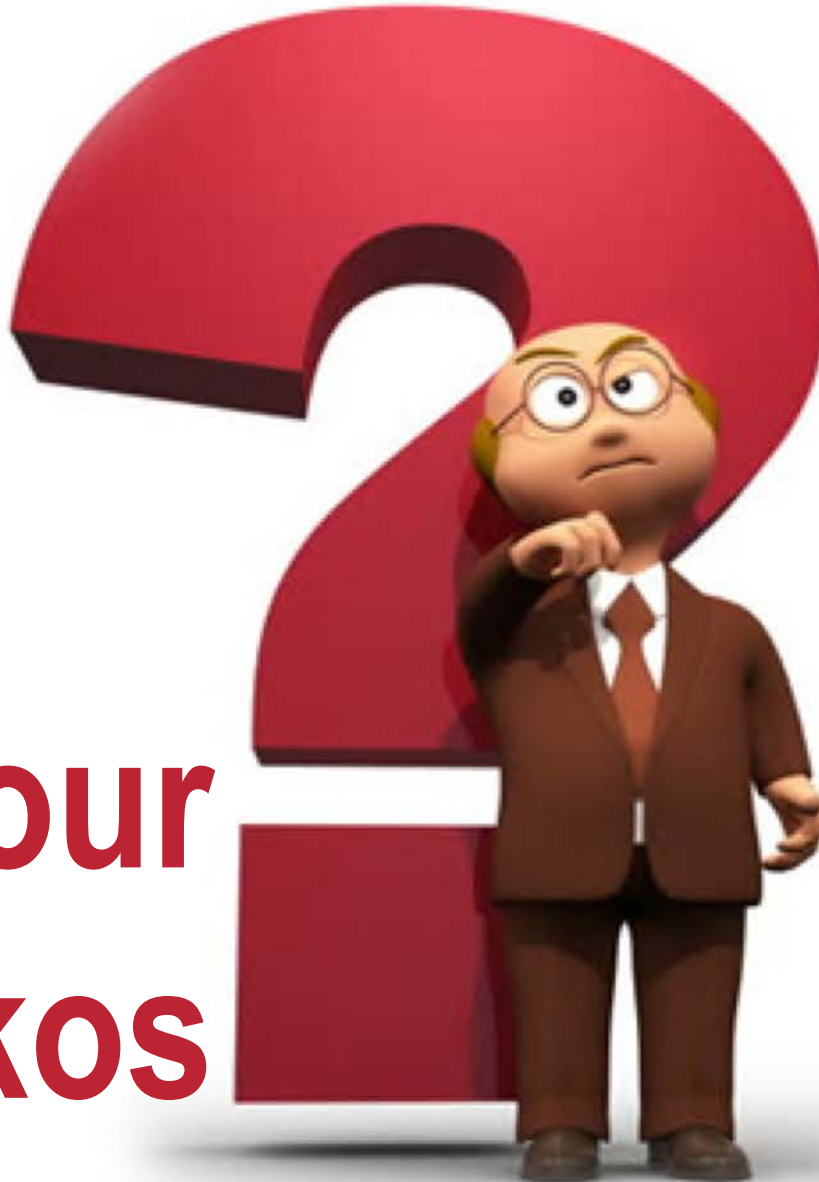
1 John 4:11

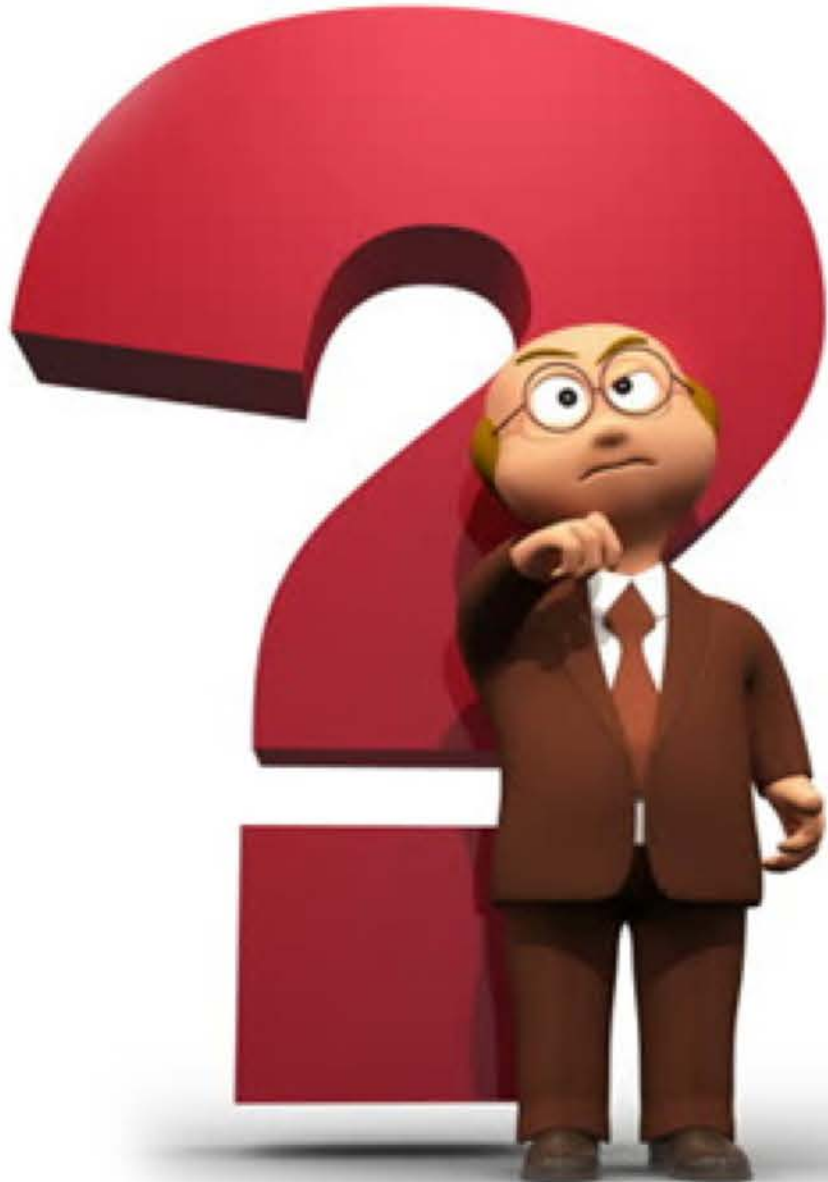
Dear friends, since God so loved us,
we also ought to love one another.

**How can you love
your Oikos
into heaven**



1. Who are your Oikos





A. Household

Parents

Spouse

Children

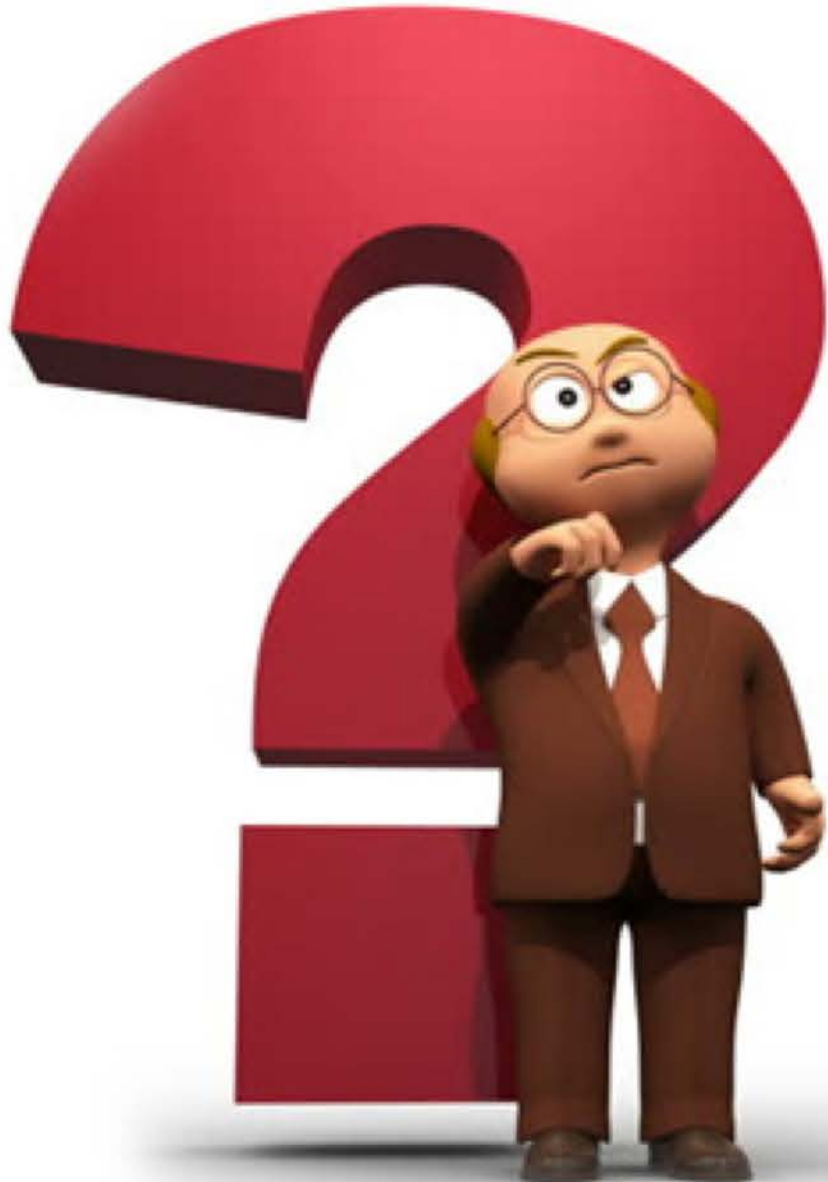
Siblings

In-laws

Cousins

Uncles & Aunties

Nieces & Nephews



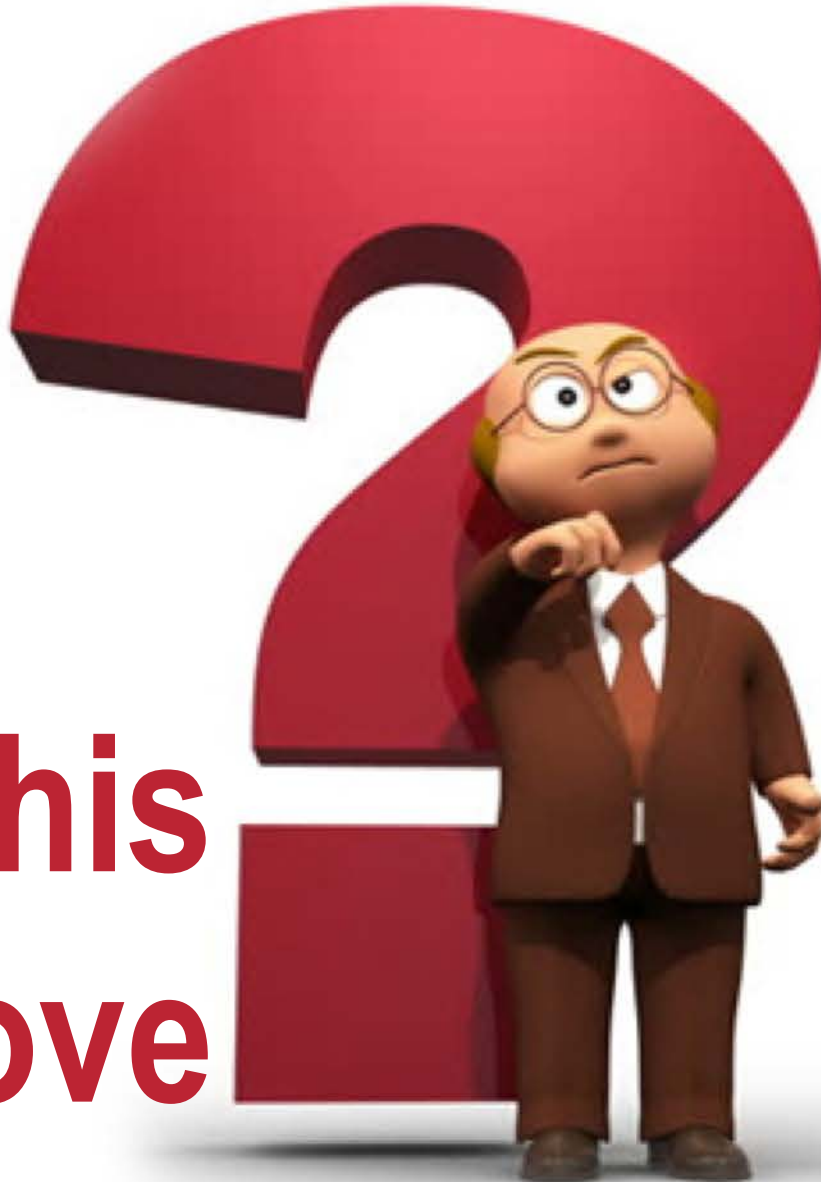
B. Family of Believers

Friends

Colleagues

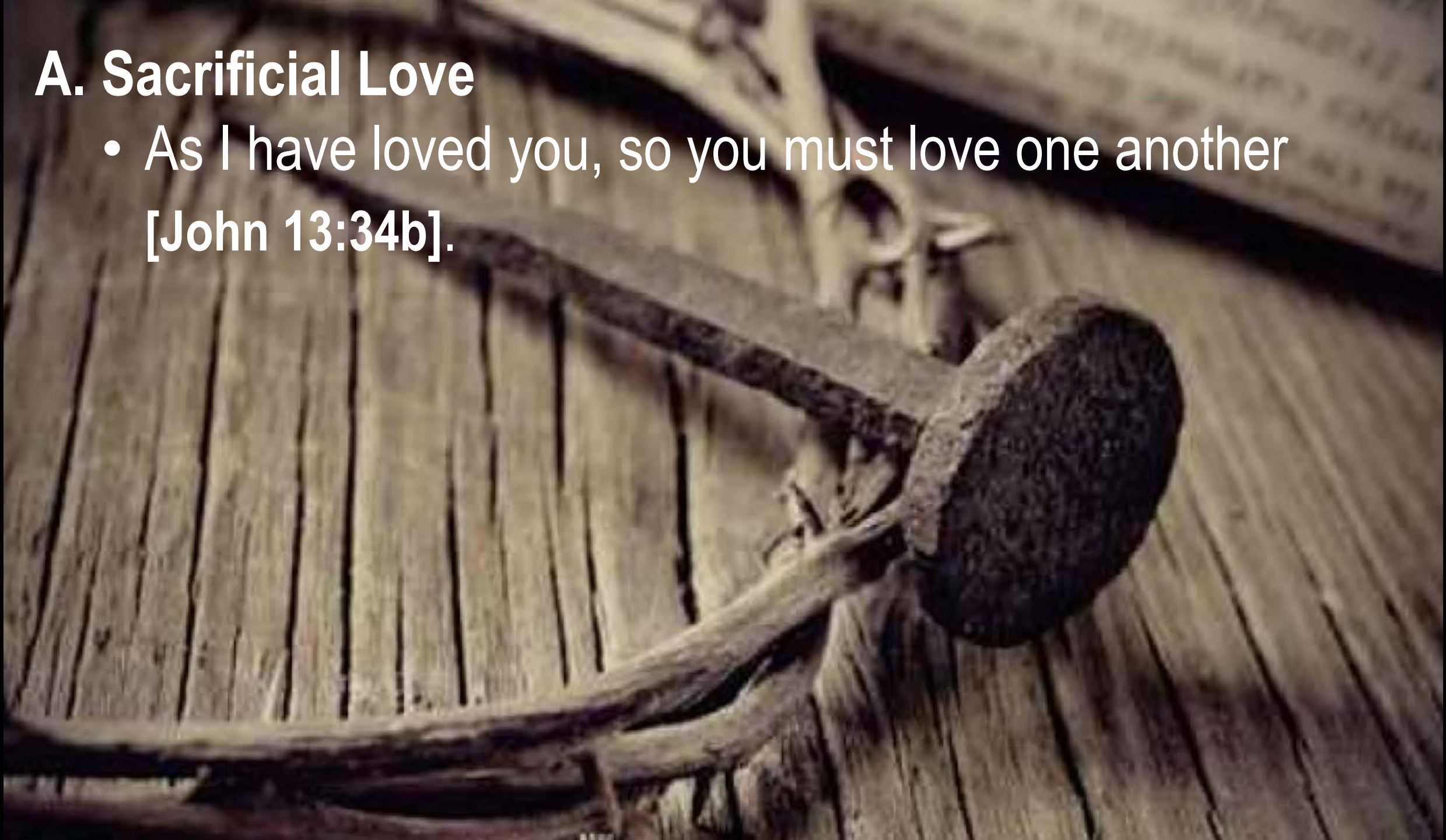
Neighbours

2. What is this new kind of love



A. Sacrificial Love

- As I have loved you, so you must love one another [John 13:34b].





A. Sacrificial Love

- The Church in Jerusalem
[Acts 2:44-45].

Acts 2:44-45

44 All the believers were together and had everything in common.

45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

A. Sacrificial Love

- The Churches in Macedonia [2 Corinthians 8:1-5].

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

1 And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. 2 In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, 4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. 5 And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.



**B. Visible Love - All will know that you are my disciples
[John 13:35].**



B. Visible Love

- That goes beyond the 4 walls of a church.
- That extends beyond the few hours when we attend a church service.
- That can be observed by the world.



B. Visible Love

1 John 4:19-21

19 We love because he first loved us.

20 Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. **21** And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

**3. To whom shall
we demonstrate
this love**



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We can demonstrate this love by using
the **5 Love Languages**



**4. Why should we
demonstrate
this love**



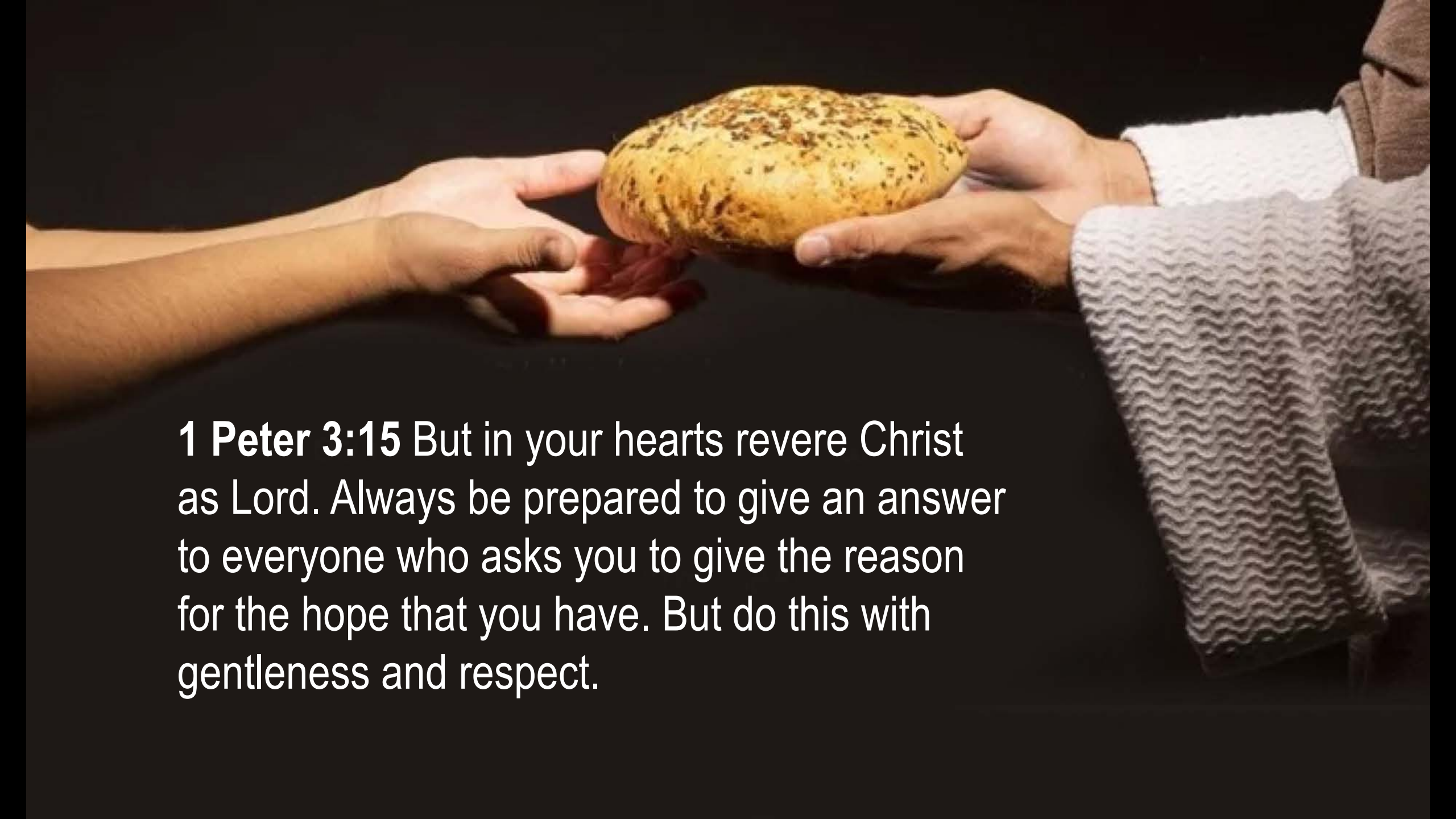


2 Corinthians 5:18-20

18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: **19** that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **20** We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

Acts 13:47 For this is what the Lord has commanded us: 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'



A close-up photograph of two hands holding a large, yellow, speckled potato. The hands are positioned on either side of the potato, with fingers gently gripping it. The person on the right is wearing a white, textured sweater. The background is dark and out of focus.

1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

Romans 10:12-15

12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, **13** for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” **14** How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”



Because You Passed My Way

My load's a little lighter now.
Because you passed my way,
the sun's a little brighter and the clouds have passed away,
I've found my Saviour nearer, and each day he grows still dearer,
and I'm on my way to Glory, because you passed my way.
I was lost and no one seemed to care until you passed my way,
You saw me and led me to Christ.

Because You Passed My Way

Oh, what a happy day, now I'm living all for Jesus,
and with Him I'll be some day, for I found a new beginning,
because you passed my way.

And when in realms of glory, I see His precious face,
and hear the angel voices within that Heavenly place,
I'll remember that sinner, who once had gone astray,
might not be there in glory, had you not passed my way.

Eleanor Taylor Rhodes, in Gospel Herald

REMEMBER

Loving one another is about cultivating relationships by performing acts of genuine care and kindness through servanthood

Mark 10:43-45

43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,
44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.
45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

