

# UNSHAKEABLE

A Study Through  
Colossians





Colossians 4:18  
*remember my chains*







# Colossians 1:1-8

*Paul, an apostle of Christ  
Jesus by the will of God,  
and Timothy our brother,  
To God's holy people in  
Colossae, the faithful  
brothers and sisters in  
Christ: Grace and peace  
to you from God our  
Father.*

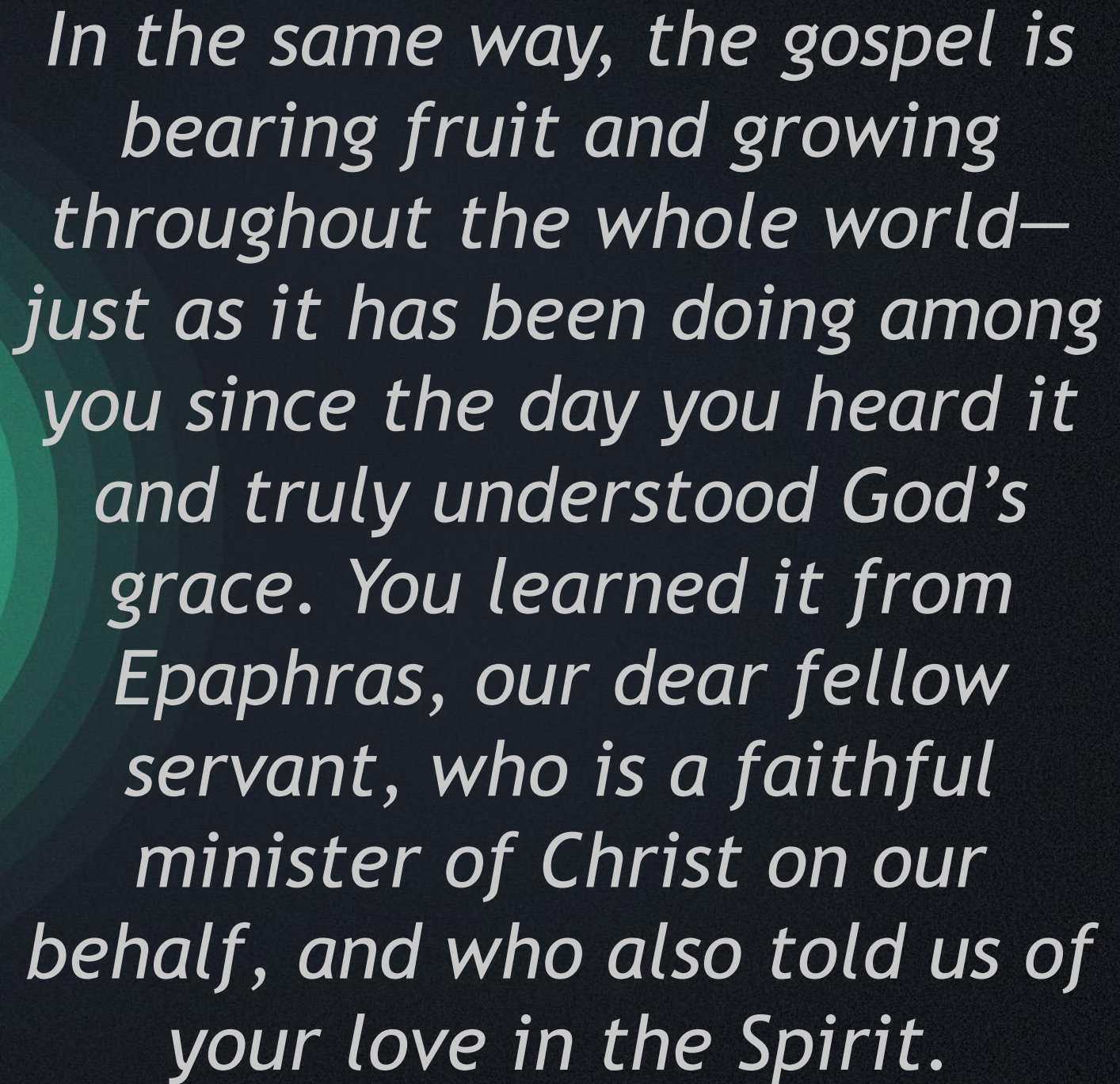




*We always thank God, the  
Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, when we pray for you,  
because we have heard of your  
faith in Christ Jesus and of the  
love you have for all God's  
people—the faith and love that  
spring from the hope stored up  
for you in heaven and about  
which you have already heard  
in the true message of the  
gospel that has come to you.*







*In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.*



## Colossians 1:6

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## Colossians 1:4-5

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## Colossians 3:11

*Here (in Christ's family)  
there is not Greek and Jew,  
circumcised and  
uncircumcised, barbarian,  
Scythian, slave, free, but  
Christ is all and in all.*






John 13:35

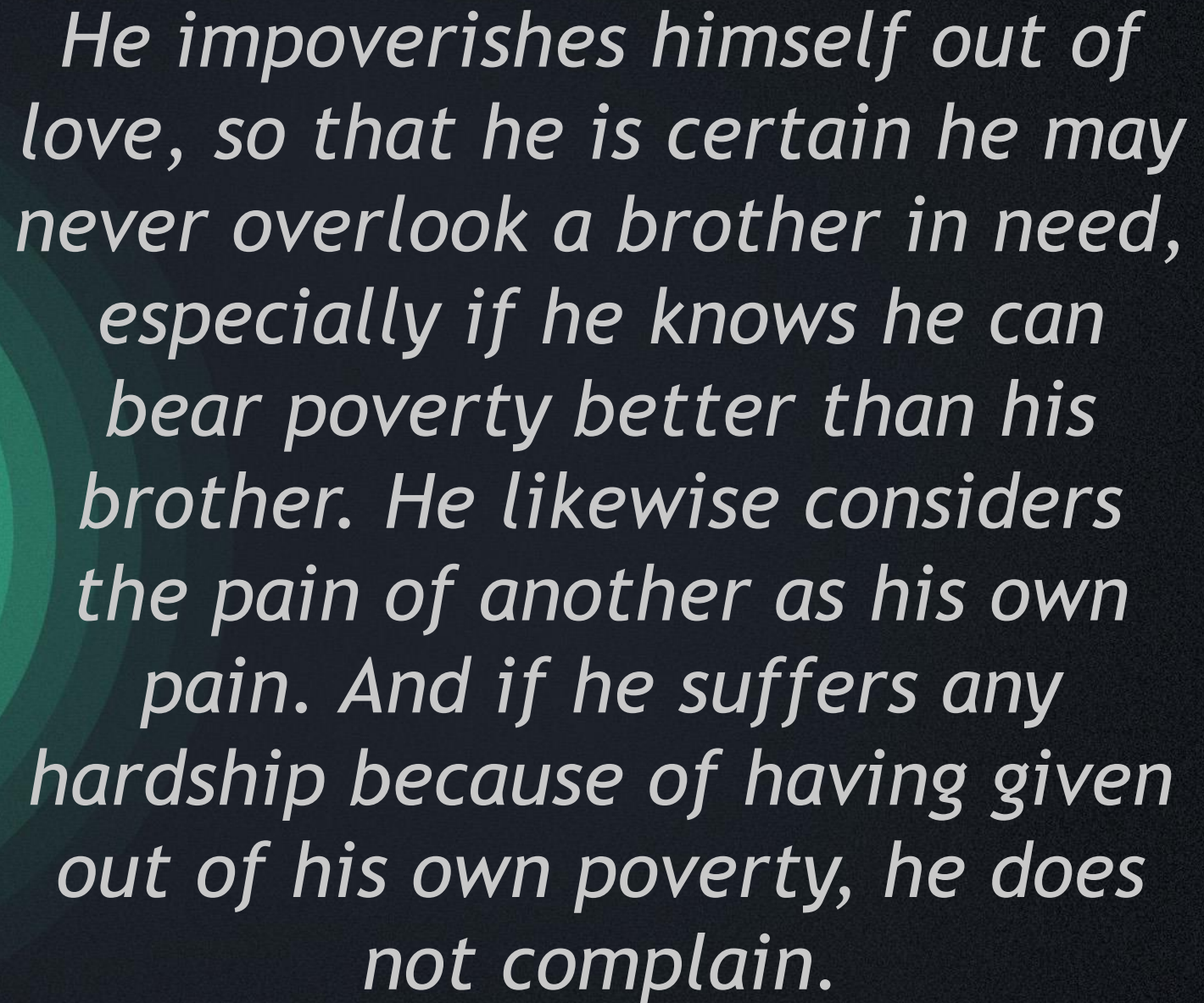
*They will know that you  
are my disciples because of  
the **love** you have for one  
another.*





Gospel-shaped love was  
**The Outstanding Mark** of  
the genuine Christianity in  
the first three centuries of  
the church.

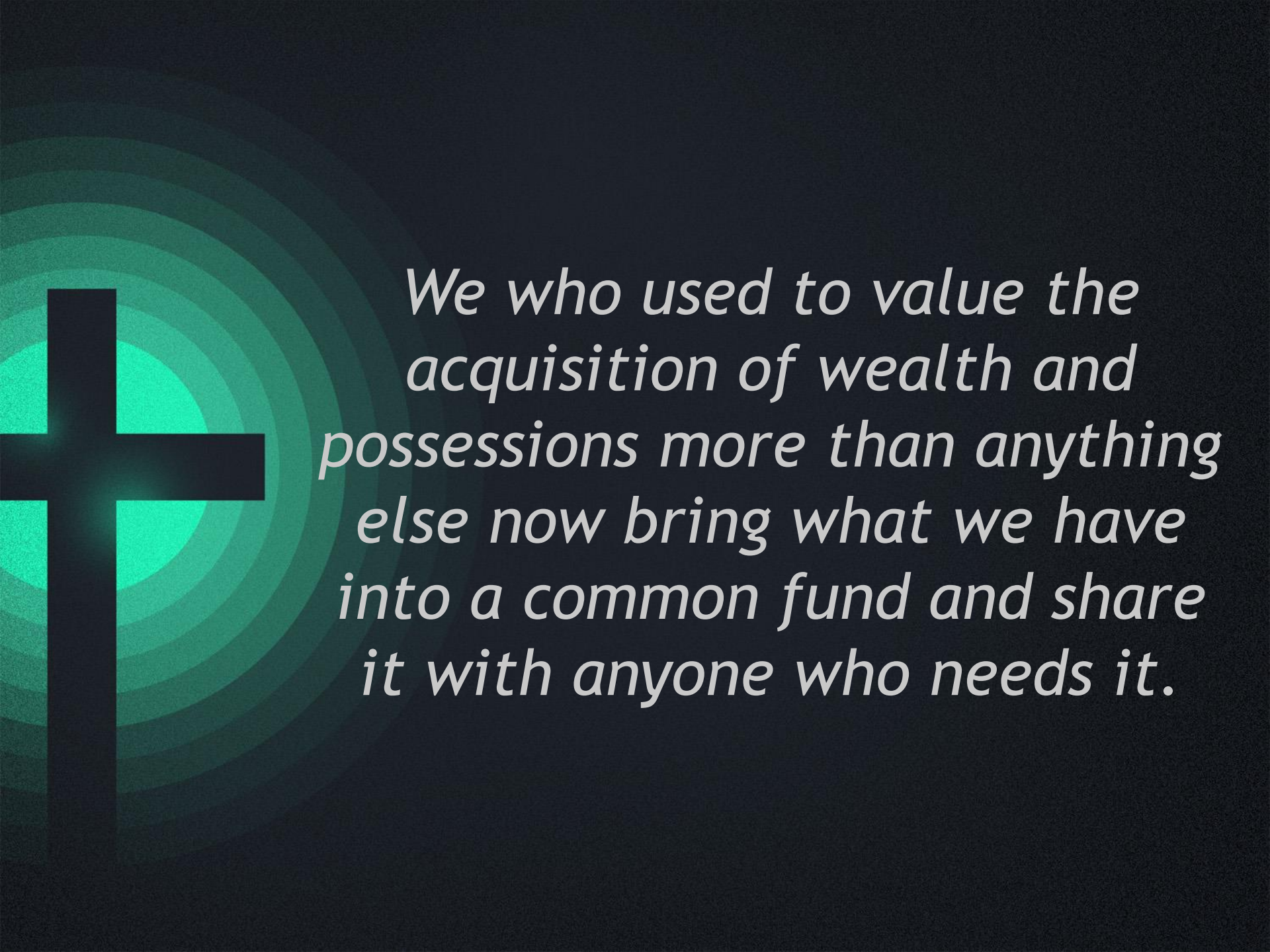




*He impoverishes himself out of love, so that he is certain he may never overlook a brother in need, especially if he knows he can bear poverty better than his brother. He likewise considers the pain of another as his own pain. And if he suffers any hardship because of having given out of his own poverty, he does not complain.*

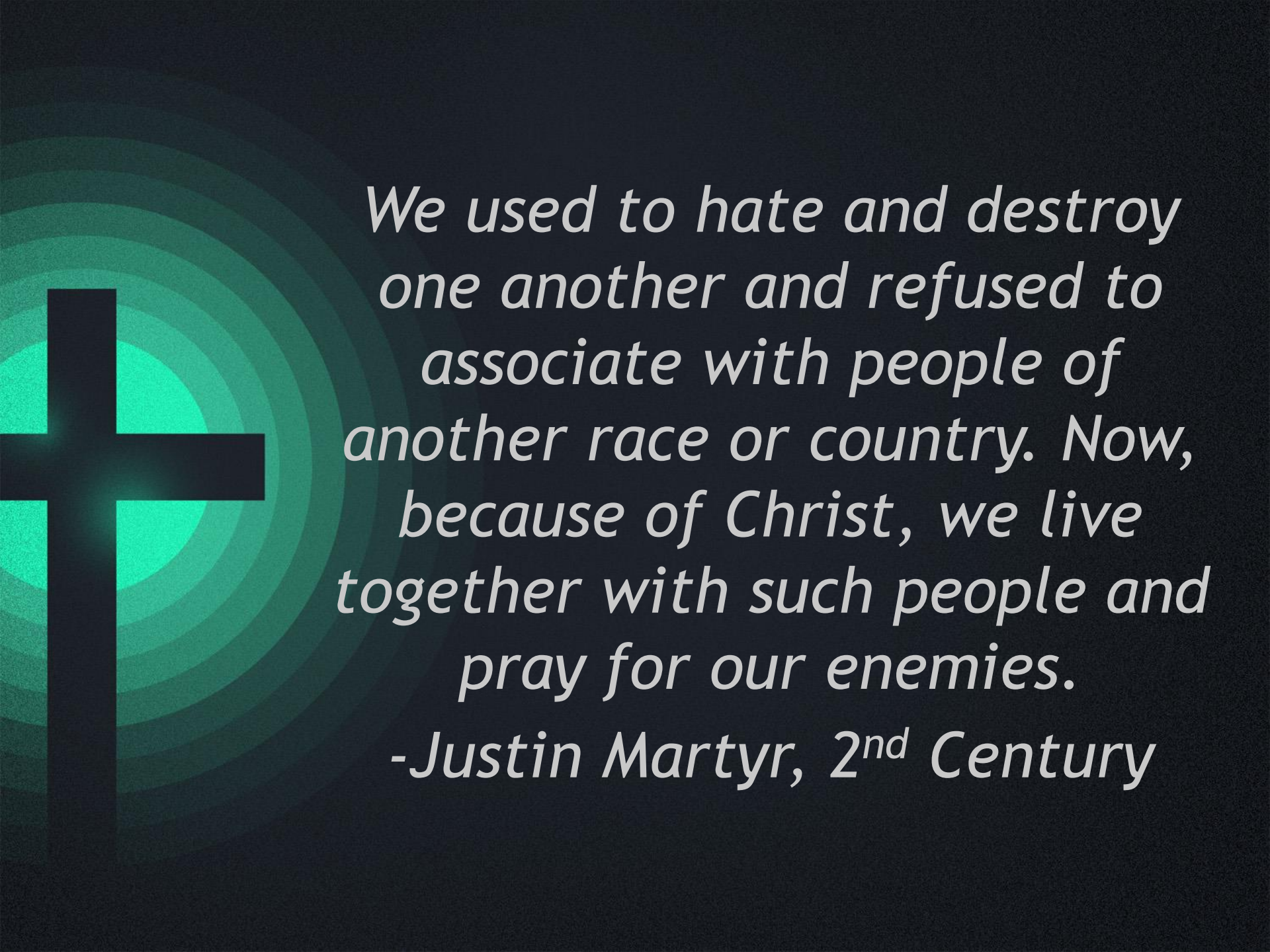
*-Clement, 1<sup>st</sup> Century*





*We who used to value the  
acquisition of wealth and  
possessions more than anything  
else now bring what we have  
into a common fund and share  
it with anyone who needs it.*





*We used to hate and destroy  
one another and refused to  
associate with people of  
another race or country. Now,  
because of Christ, we live  
together with such people and  
pray for our enemies.*

*-Justin Martyr, 2<sup>nd</sup> Century*

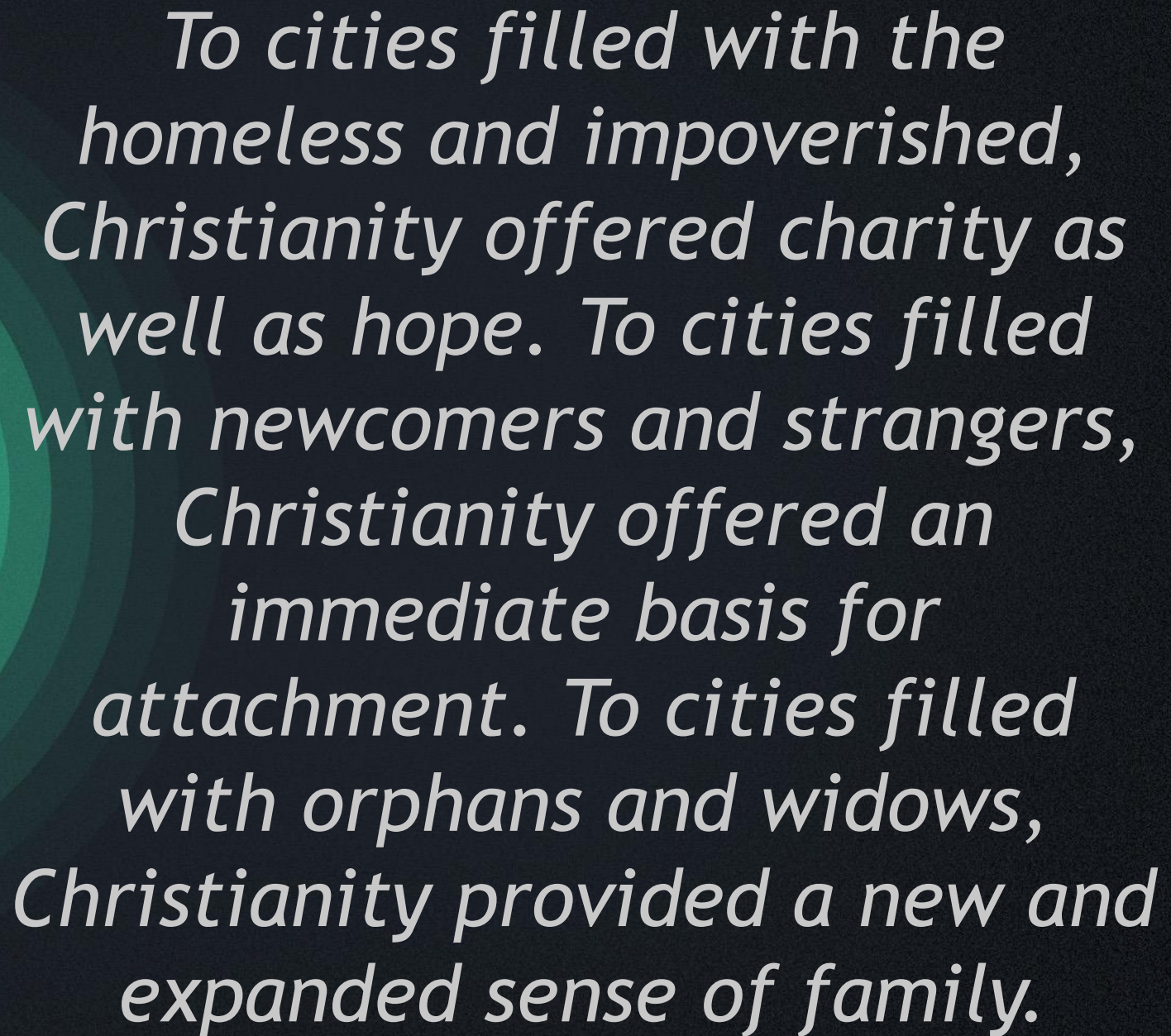




Emperor Julian Mid-300s


*“...has been specially advanced through the loving service rendered to strangers and through their care of the burial of the dead. It is a scandal that there is not a single Jew who is a beggar and that the [Christians] care not only for their own poor but for ours as well; while those who belong to us look in vain for the help we should render them.”*





*To cities filled with the  
homeless and impoverished,  
Christianity offered charity as  
well as hope. To cities filled  
with newcomers and strangers,  
Christianity offered an  
immediate basis for  
attachment. To cities filled  
with orphans and widows,  
Christianity provided a new and  
expanded sense of family.*





*To cities torn by violent ethnic  
strife, Christianity offered a  
new basis for social solidarity.  
And to cities faced with  
epidemics, fire, and  
earthquakes, Christianity  
offered effective nursing  
services.*

*-Rodney Stark, The Rise of  
Christianity*





If Paul were writing a letter  
to you today, would he be  
celebrating your gospel-  
shaped love for all God's  
people?





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