

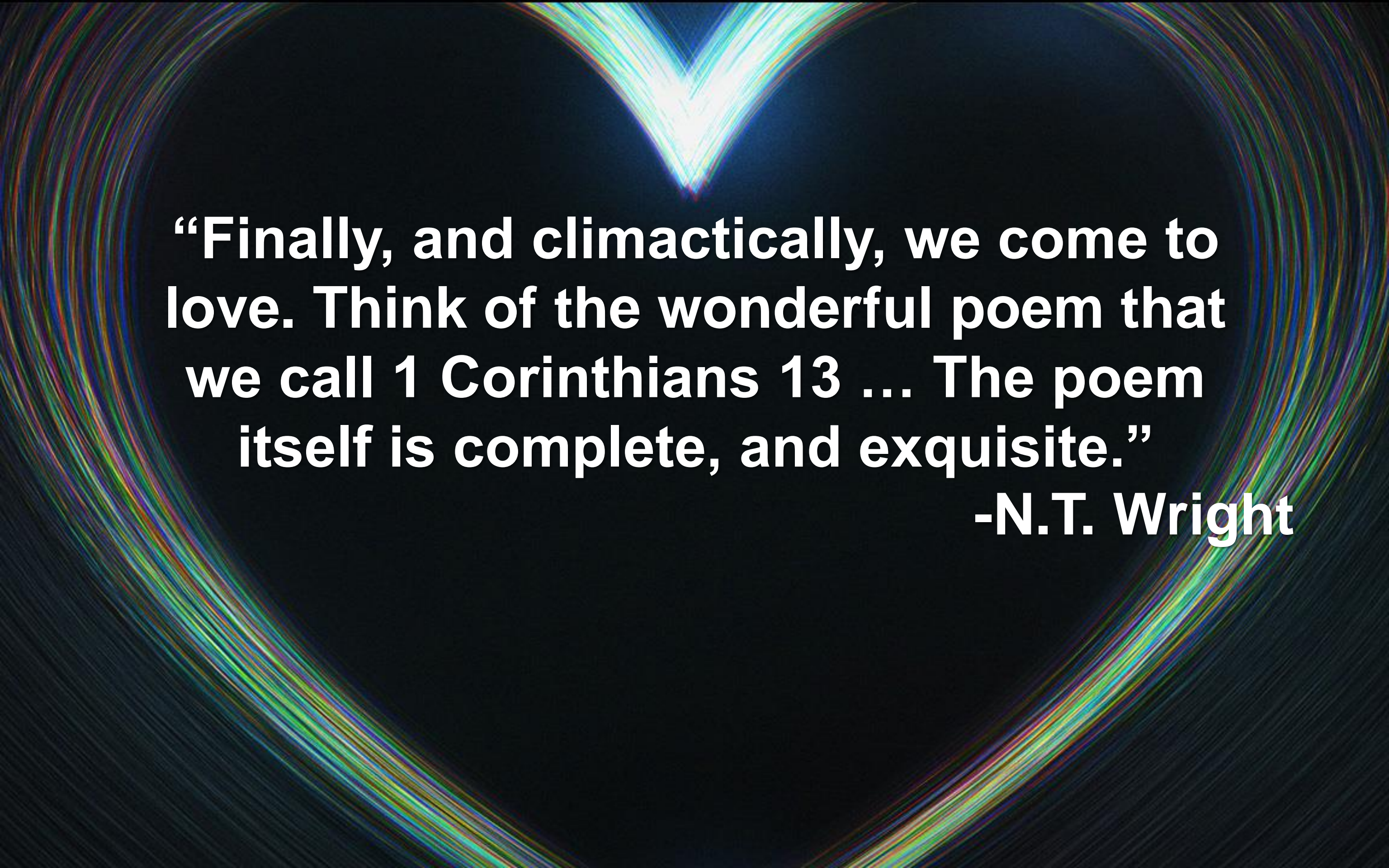


LOVE vs.
PRIDE



1 Corinthians 13:4b-5a (NIV)

***Love is not ... boastful
or proud or rude.***



“Finally, and climactically, we come to love. Think of the wonderful poem that we call 1 Corinthians 13 ... The poem itself is complete, and exquisite.”

-N.T. Wright

1 Corinthians 13:1-7 (NIV)

¹ If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. ³ If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed



1 Corinthians 13:1-7 (NIV)

my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

⁴ Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud ⁵ or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. ⁶ It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. ⁷ Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.



1 Corinthians 13:4b-5a (NIV)

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VS.

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1 Corinthians 11:22b (NIV)

Do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter!



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- **Rude:** “behave shamefully
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- **Proud:** “puffed up,”
arrogant

1 Corinthians 8:1b (NIV)

Yes, we know that “we all have knowledge” about this issue. But while knowledge makes us feel important, it is love that strengthens the church.



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1 Corinthians 8:11 (NIV)

So because of your superior knowledge, a weak believer for whom Christ died will be destroyed.



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White clergymen urge local Negroes to withdraw from demonstrations

Leading Protestant, Catholic and Jewish clerics Friday called on local Negro citizens to withdraw support of racial demonstrations and unite for a peaceful Birmingham.

In a prepared statement the clergy praised the manner in which the 10 days of demonstrations have been handled by the Birmingham Police Department. The same clergymen were among others who recently issued "An Appeal for Law and Order and Common Sense" in dealing with racial problems in Alabama.

SATURDAY'S STATEMENT was signed by C. C. J. Carpenter, Episcopal Bishop of Alabama; Joseph A. Durick, auxiliary bishop, Catholic Diocese of Mobile-Birmingham; Rabbi Milton Grafman, Temple Emanu-El; Bishop Paul Hardin, Bishop of the Alabama-West Florida Conference of the Methodist Church; Bishop Nolan on B. Harmon, Bishop of the North Alabama Conference of the Meth-

The text of the statement follows:

"WE THE UNDERSIGNED clergymen are among those who, in January, issued 'An Appeal for Law and Order and Common Sense' in dealing with racial problems in Alabama. We expressed understanding that honest convictions in racial matters could properly be pursued in the courts, but urged that decisions of those courts should in the meantime be peacefully obeyed.

"Since that time there had been some evidence of increased forbearance and a willingness to face facts. Responsible citizens have undertaken to work on various problems which cause racial friction and unrest.

"In Birmingham recent public events have given indication that we all have opportunity for a new constructive and realistic approach to racial problems.

"However, we are now confront-

"We agree rather with certain local Negro leadership which has called for honest and open negotiation of racial issues in our area.

"And we believe this kind of facing of issues can best be accomplished by citizens of our own metropolitan area, white and Negro, meeting with their knowledge and experience of the local situation. All of us need to face that responsibility and find proper channels for its accomplishment.

"Just as we formerly pointed out that 'hatred and violence have no sanction in our religious and political traditions,' we also point out that such actions as incite hatred and violence, however technically peaceful those actions may be, have not contributed to the resolution of our local problems.

"We do not believe that these days of new hope are days when extreme measures are justified in Birmingham.

"We commend the community as a whole, and the local news media and law enforcement officials in particular, on the calm manner in which these demonstrations have been handled.

"We urge the public to continue to show restraint should the demonstrations continue, and the law enforcement officials to remain calm and continue to protect our city from violence.

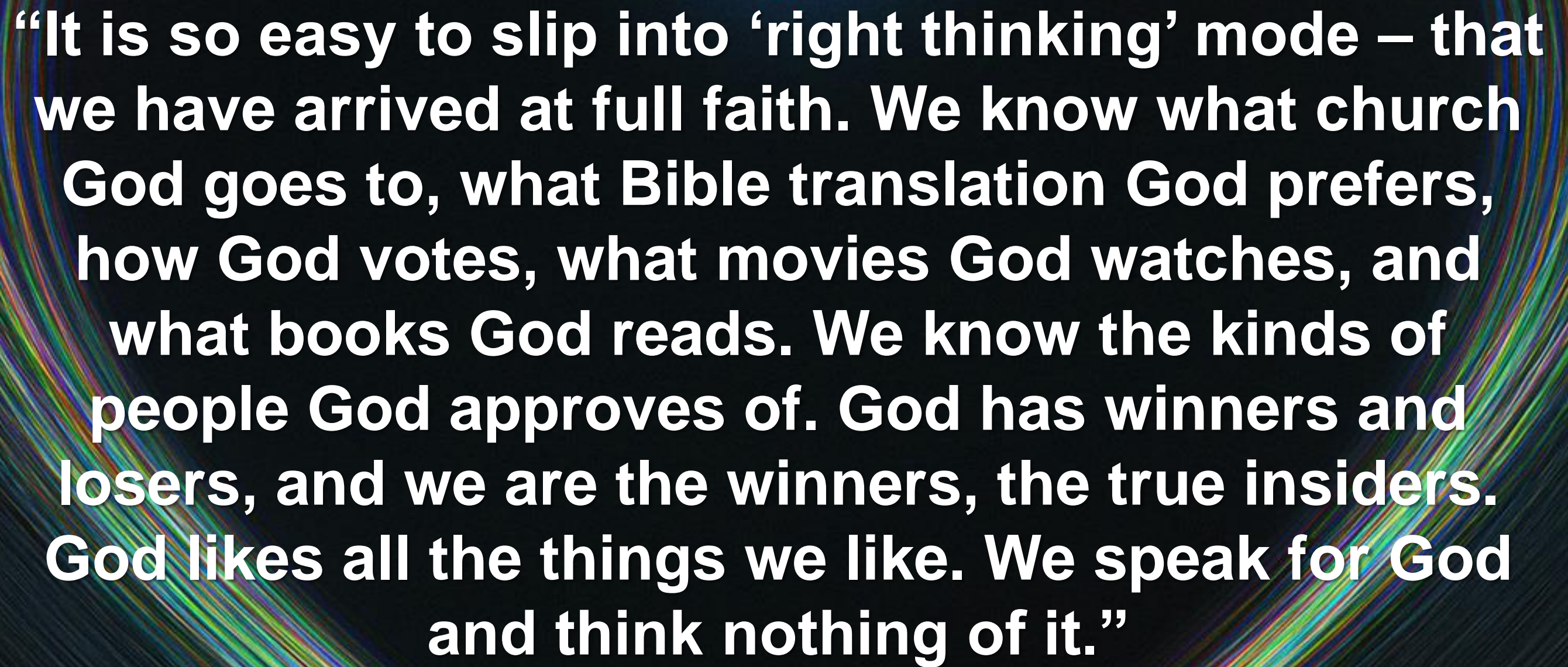
"We further strongly urge our own Negro community to withdraw support from these demonstrations, and to unite locally in working peacefully for a better Birmingham.

"When rights are consistently denied, a cause should be pressed in the courts and negotiations among local leaders, and not in the streets.

"We appeal to both our white and Negro citizenry to observe the principles of law and order and common sense."



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“It is so easy to slip into ‘right thinking’ mode – that we have arrived at full faith. We know what church God goes to, what Bible translation God prefers, how God votes, what movies God watches, and what books God reads. We know the kinds of people God approves of. God has winners and losers, and we are the winners, the true insiders. God likes all the things we like. We speak for God and think nothing of it.”

-Peter Enns



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