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THE LETTER OF I JOHN

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the

2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. ³ And by

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Supernatural Love

I John 3:11-24

Ephesians 3:14-21 (ESV)

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you,

Ephesians 3:14-21 (ESV)

¹⁷ being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more

Ephesians 3:14-21 (ESV)

²⁰ abundantly than all that we ask or think,
according to the power at work within us,
²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ
Jesus throughout all generations, forever and
ever. Amen.

Romans 8:31-39 (ESV)

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn?

Romans 8:31-39 (ESV)

³⁴ Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

Romans 8:31-39 (ESV)

³⁶“For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor

Romans 8:31-39 (ESV)

³⁸ things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Since Jesus Christ loved us by dying a sacrificial death we also are to love each other sacrificially.

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“Love each other...”

I John 3:11-24 (ESV)

For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 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. ¹³ Do not be surprised,

I John 3:11-24 (ESV)

¹³ brothers, that the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵ Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

I John 3:11-24 (ESV)

¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ 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

I John 3:11-24 (ESV)

¹⁸ truth. ¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive

I John 3:11-24 (ESV)

²² from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in

I John 3:11-24 (ESV)

²⁴ him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

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What is this love?



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What makes this love so special?

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Romans 5:6-11 (ESV)

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person— though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have

Romans 5:6-11 (ESV)

⁹ now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God

Romans 5:6-11 (ESV)

¹¹ through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

“Jesus Christ well knew that, if he did lay down his life, he would get no love in return from those for whom he died, unless he himself created that love... But our Lord Jesus Christ knew that he was dying for stony-hearted monsters, whose return for

his love, if left to themselves, would be that they would utterly reject him. They would not believe in him; they would trust in their own righteousness rather than in his, and they would try to find a way to heaven by sacraments and

ceremonies rather than by faith in the meritorious sacrifice which he made when he laid down his life for sinners.” -Charles Spurgeon

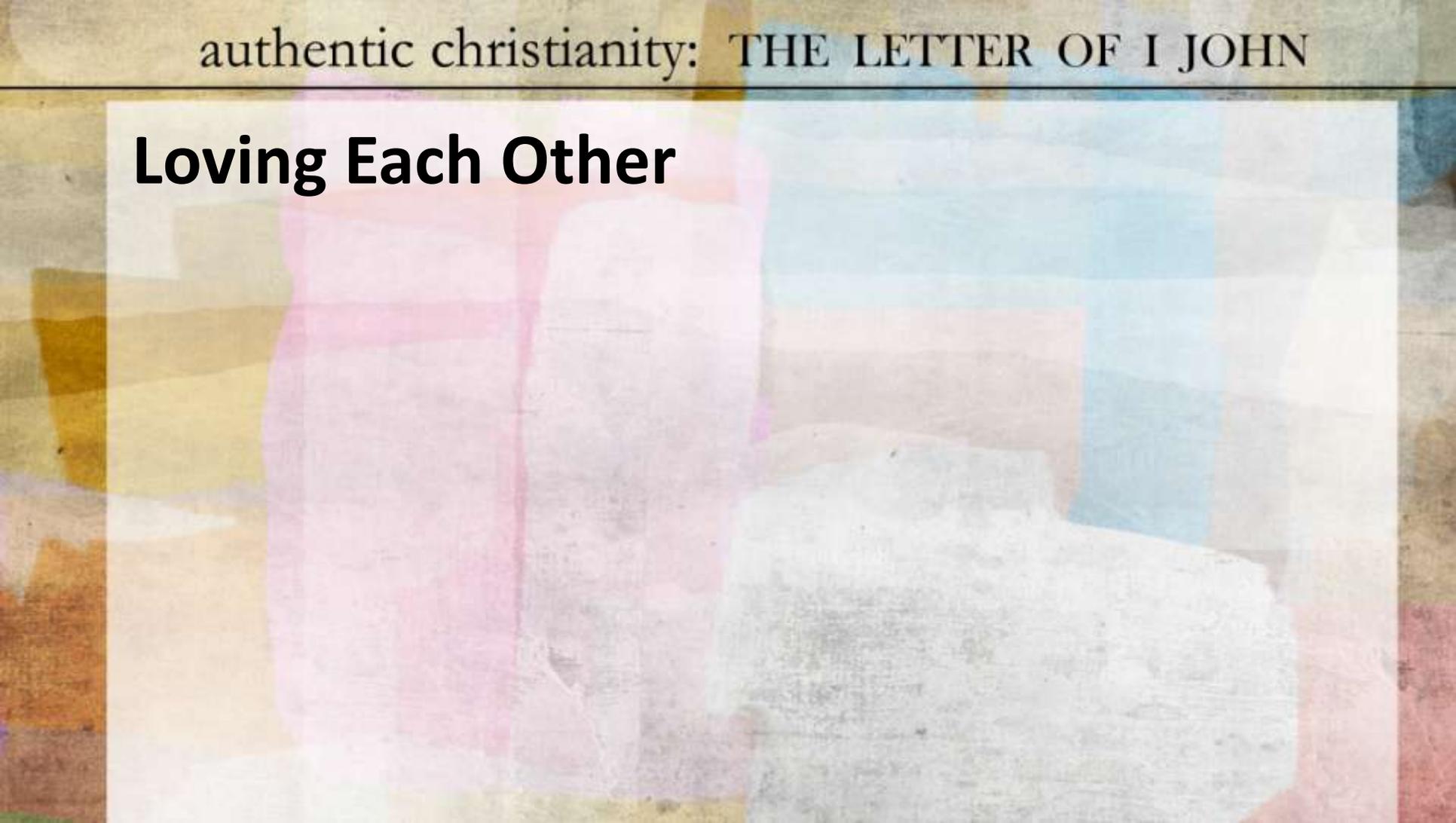
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What does this love call us to?

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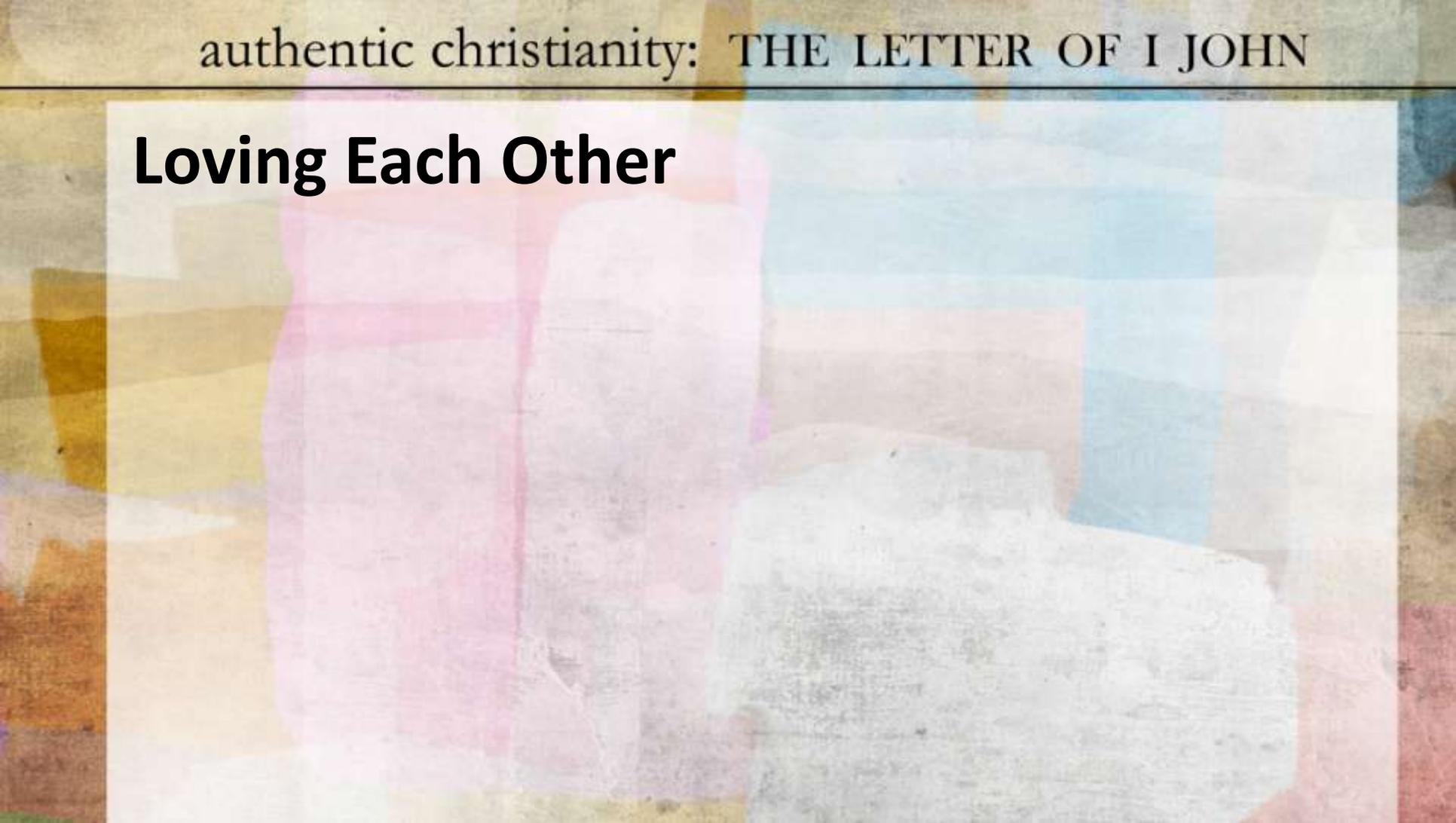
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