



City on a Hill

Matt .5:14

Fettes Park Baptist Church

A Beautiful Church

Romans 16:1-16

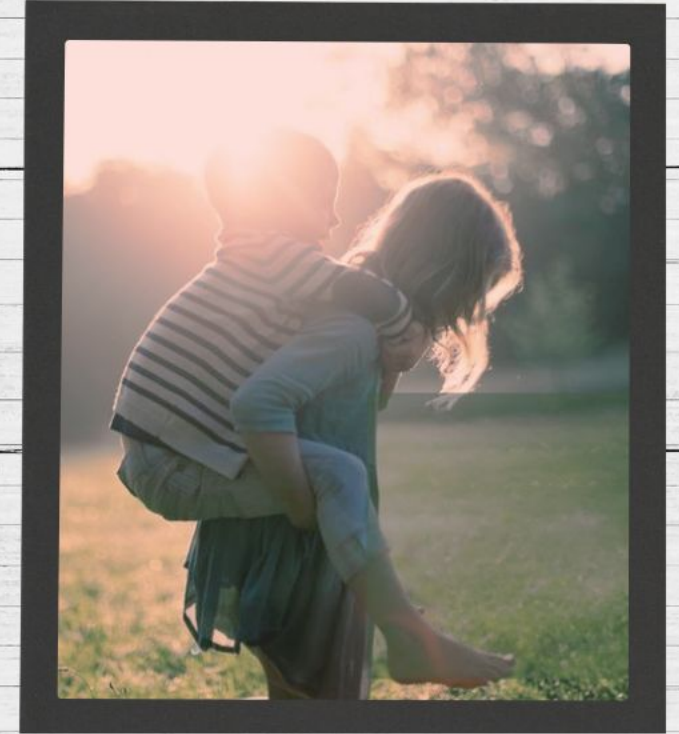
UNITY



FAMILY IDENTITY



UNITY IN DIVERSITY



MUTUAL ACCEPTANCE



The cultivation of a beautiful community is a cruciform pursuit.

What if, as we regather for worship, we also reimagine our pursuit of beautiful community? What preferences have morphed into idols that need to be destroyed?

What preferences do we need to loosen our grip for extending the grace and love of Christ to diverse neighbours?



Our freedom in the Christian community is the freedom to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. Our liberty in Christ is our liberty to die to our preferences, the liberty to die to our disordered desire for our pleasure. Our freedom as Christians is the freedom to say to our neighbours, "We want to see you grow toward maturity in Christ."



Our heart's desire is to do everything we can to edify you, to build you up in the faith, to see you come to maturity in Christ." And this is something we are to pursue: building each other up, edifying one another, and pleasing one another. That's beautiful community.



SERVE
ONE ANOTHER

3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my
fellow workers in Christ Jesus. 4
They risked their lives for me. Not
only I but all the churches of the
Gentiles are grateful to them. 5
Greet also the church that meets at
their house.

Romans 16

SPIRITUAL GIFT

of helps

**6 Greet Mary, who worked very hard for you.
12 Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, those
women who work hard in the Lord. Greet my
dear friend Persis, another woman who has
worked very hard in the Lord.**

(Romans 16)





Tryphena - *Dainty*
Tryphosa - *Delicate*

A black and white photograph of a director's chair. The chair is dark-colored with a light-colored seat. A white sign is attached to the front of the chair, displaying the text "BEHIND THE SCENES" in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. The sign is divided into three horizontal sections: "BEHIND" on the top, "THE" in the middle, and "SCENES" on the bottom. The background is dark and out of focus, showing a draped fabric or backdrop.

BEHIND

THE

SCENES

Dr. Katherine Johnson





SUFFERING FOR CHRIST

4 They (Priscilla and Aquila) risked their lives for me.

7 Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews who have been in prison with me.

They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.

10 Greet Apelles, whose fidelity to Christ has stood the test.



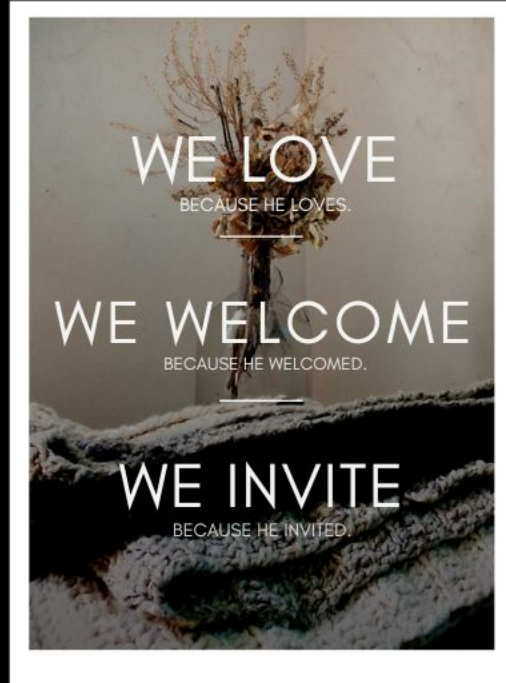
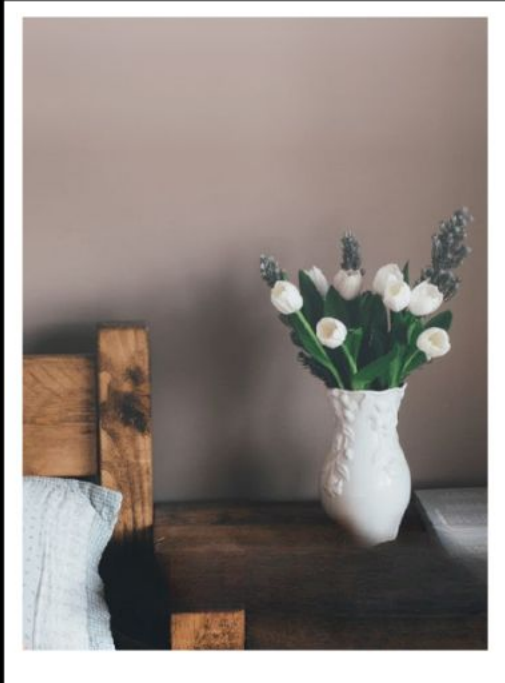
(Romans 16)



PHILIPPIANS 3:10

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death ...

Love & Hospitality



1 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchreae. 2 I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of his people and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been the benefactor of many people, including me.

(Romans 16)

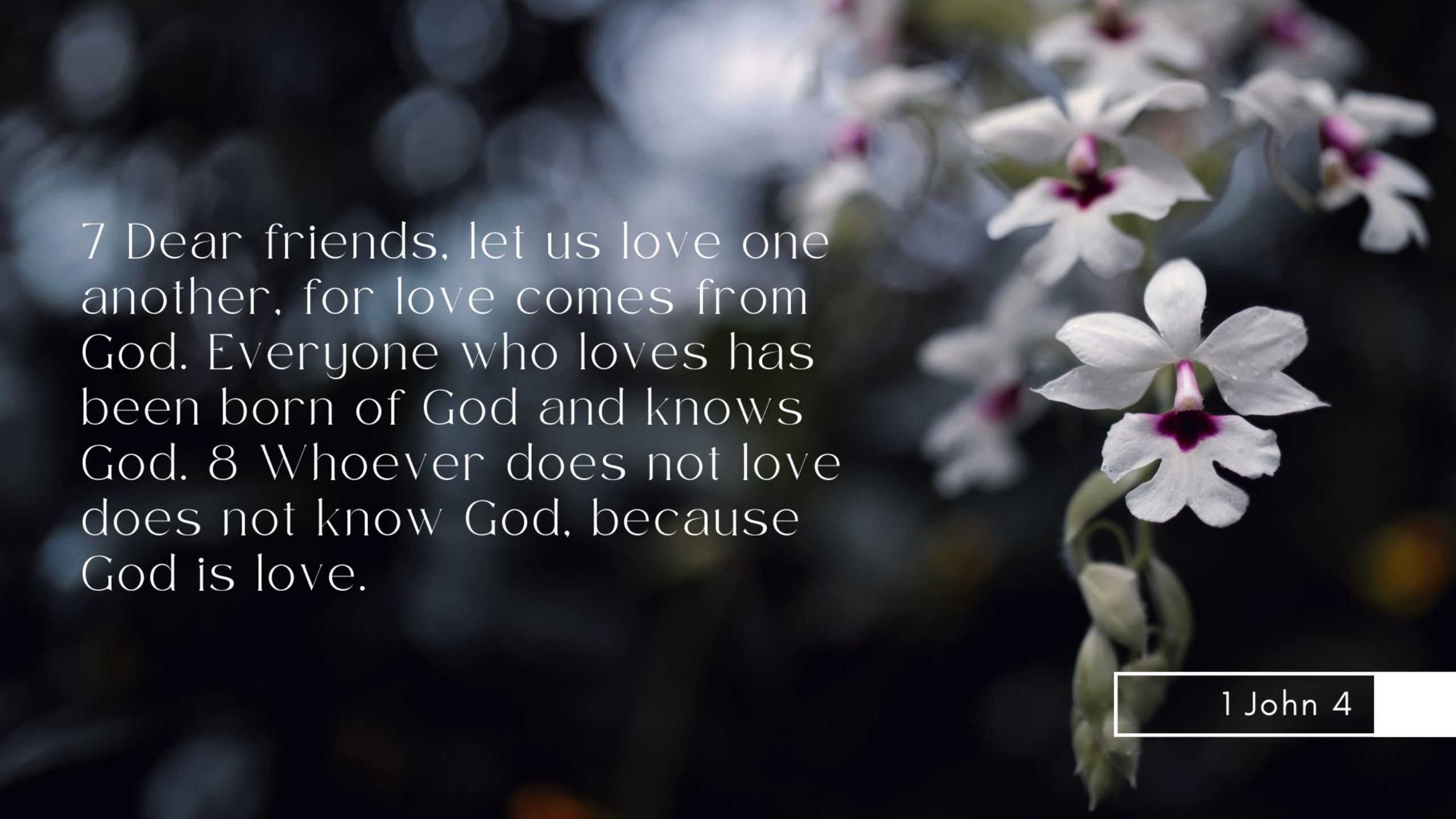


5 ... Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia... 8 Greet Ampliatus, my dear friend in the Lord... 9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my dear friend Stachys... 13 Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too.

(Romans 16)



mother's love



7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 John 4



COMMENDATION