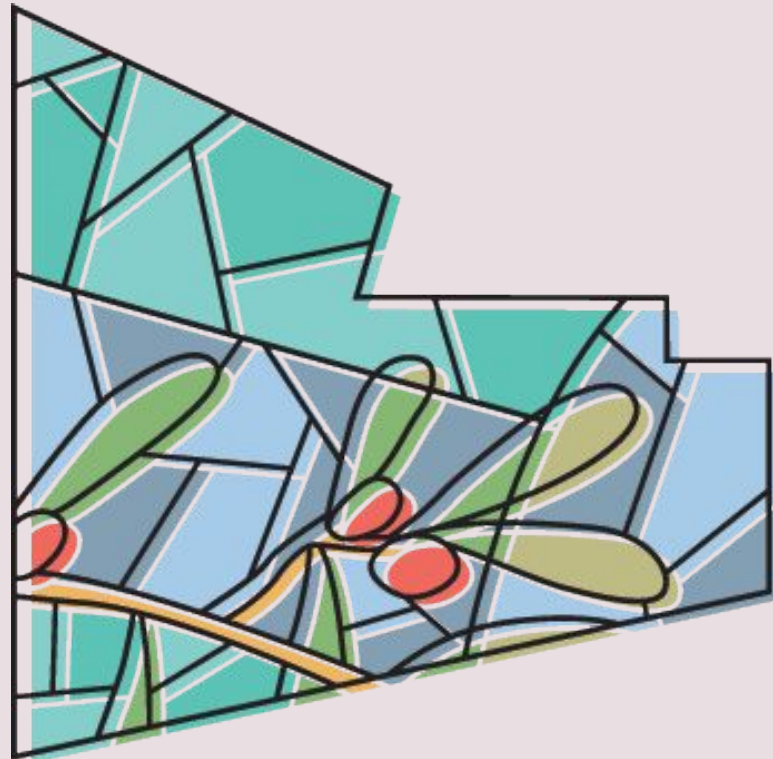


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The Nature of Christian Love

1 THESSALONIANS 4:9-12



Romans 13:11-12 NIV

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

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Romans 13:8 NIV

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

The Nature of Christian Love



Where it comes from

What it rejects

Who it changes

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1 Thessalonians 4:9 NIV

Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other.

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1 Thessalonians 4:9 NIV

Now about your ***philadelphia*** for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to ***agapao*** each other.

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philadelphia

| phil • a • del • fia | *noun*

1. sense of love for blood brothers or sisters
2. mutual affections for one another

agape

| a • ga • pe | *noun*

1. the highest form of love; self-less, sacrificial, and unconditional; persists no matter the circumstances
2. always giving and devotes total commitment to the highest and the best

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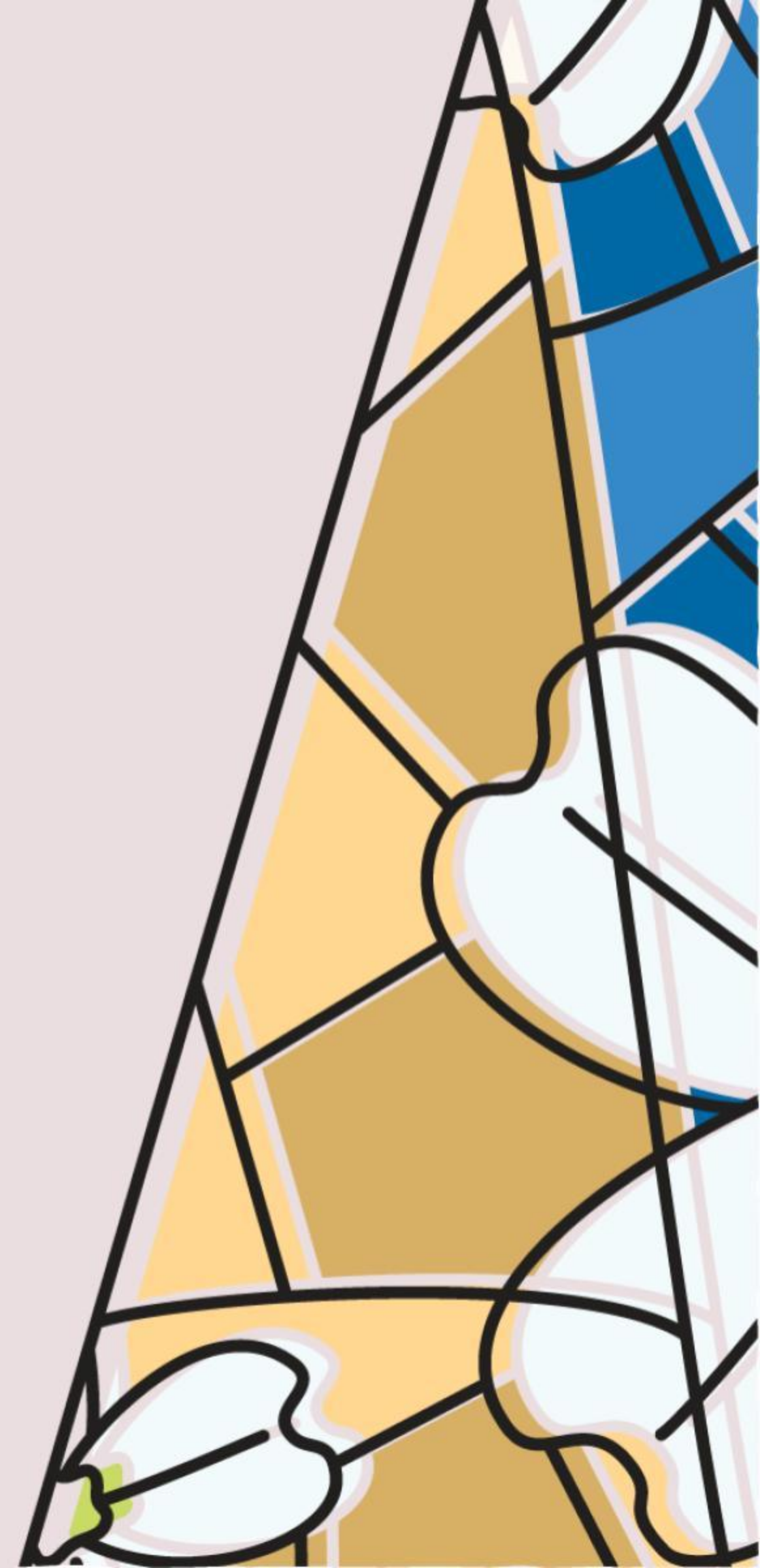
1 Thessalonians 4:9-10a NIV

Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other.

¹⁰ And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia.

“Love born of God’s
grace will find a way.”

- Timothy Keller, *Uncommon Ground*



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1 Thessalonians 4:9a, 10b NIV

Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you...

¹⁰ Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more...

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1 Thessalonians 4:11 NIV

...to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you...

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1 Thessalonians 4:12 NIV

...so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders
and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.



**An ordinary life of extravagant
love changes the world.**

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2 Corinthians 5:13-15 NIV

If we are “out of our mind,” as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 NIV

Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. ¹⁰ And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, ¹¹ and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, ¹² so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

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2 Corinthians 5:16-17 NIV

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view.
Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.
¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here!

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1 Corinthians 13:7-8a ESV

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends.