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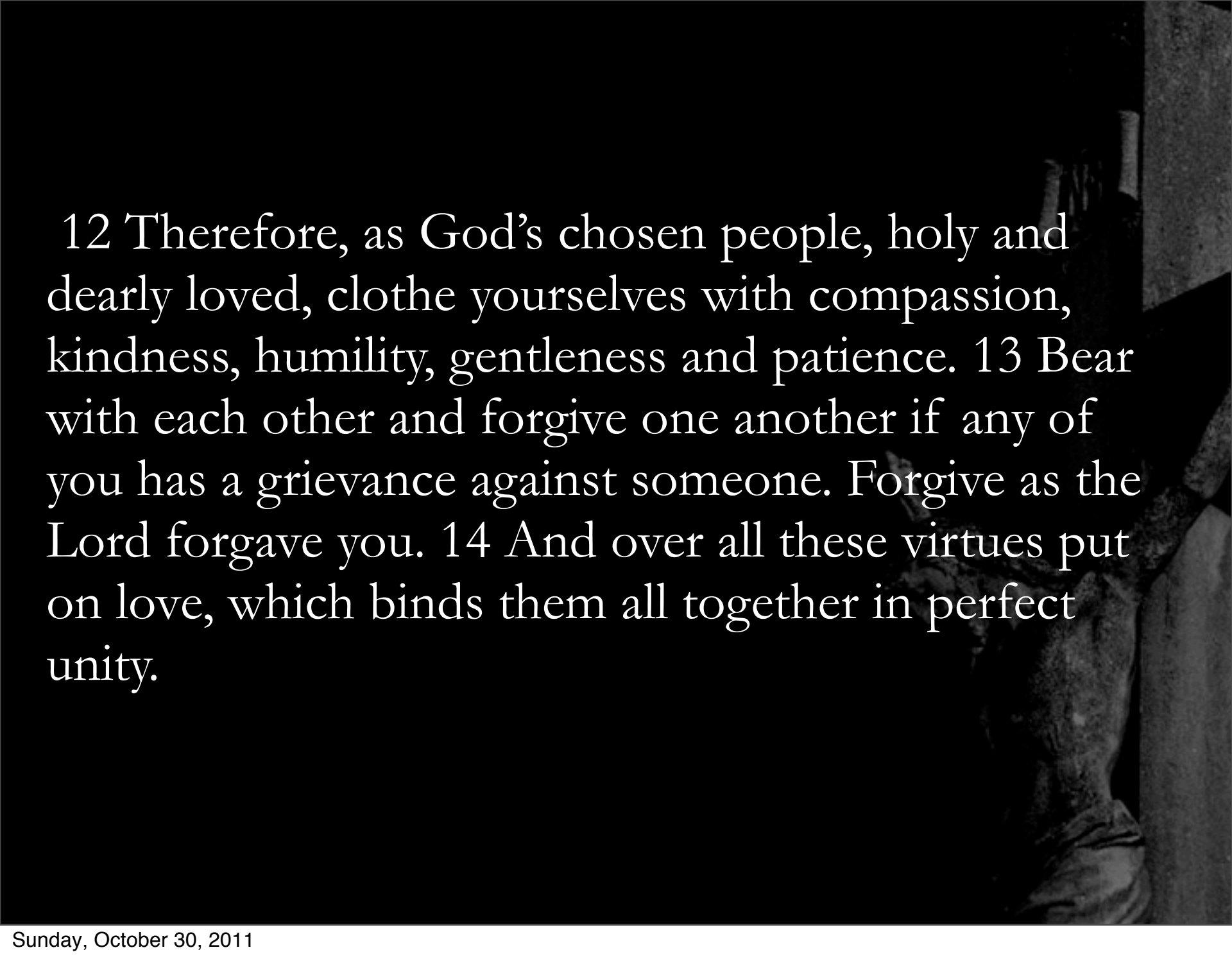
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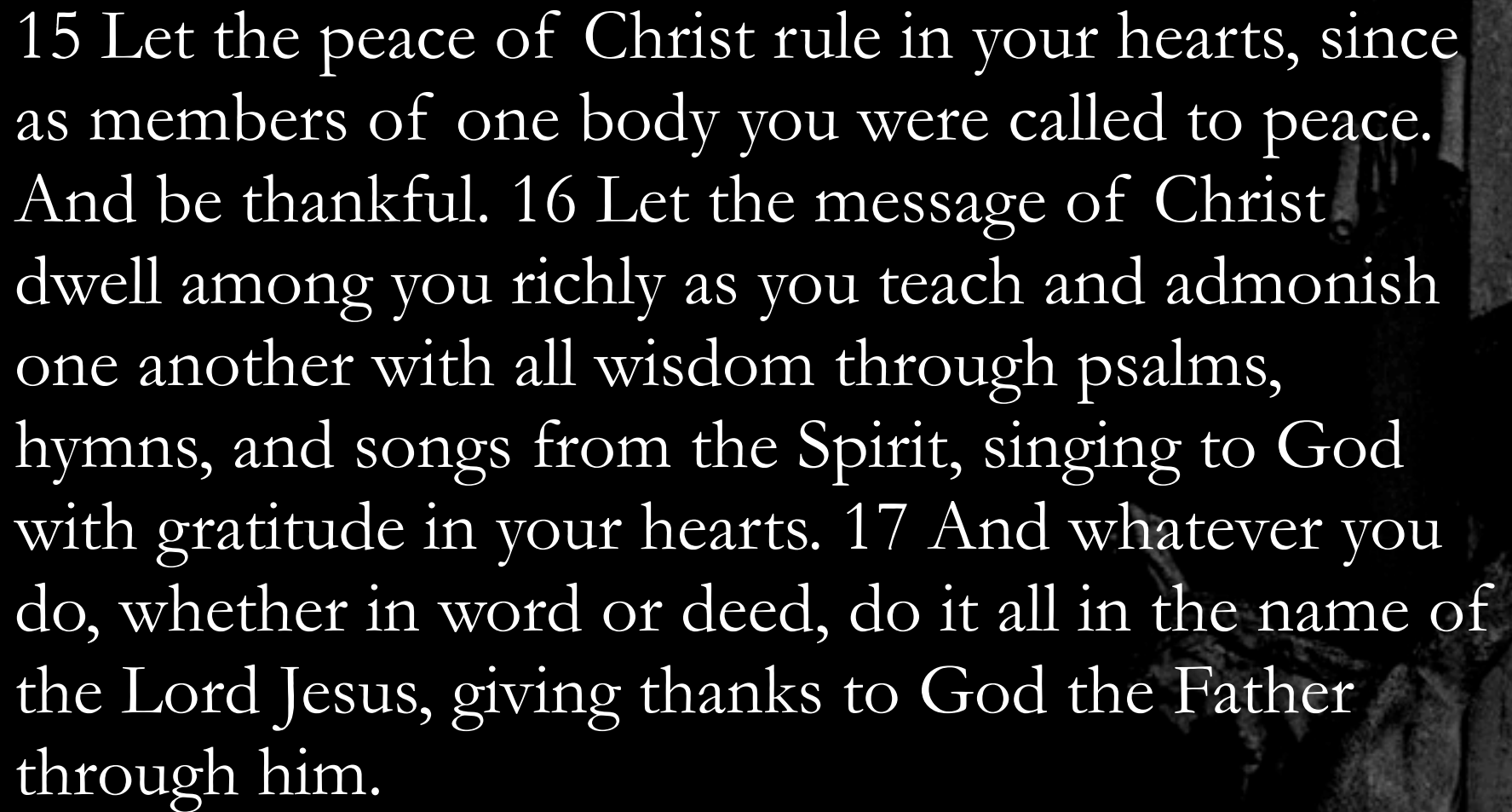
A study in Colossians



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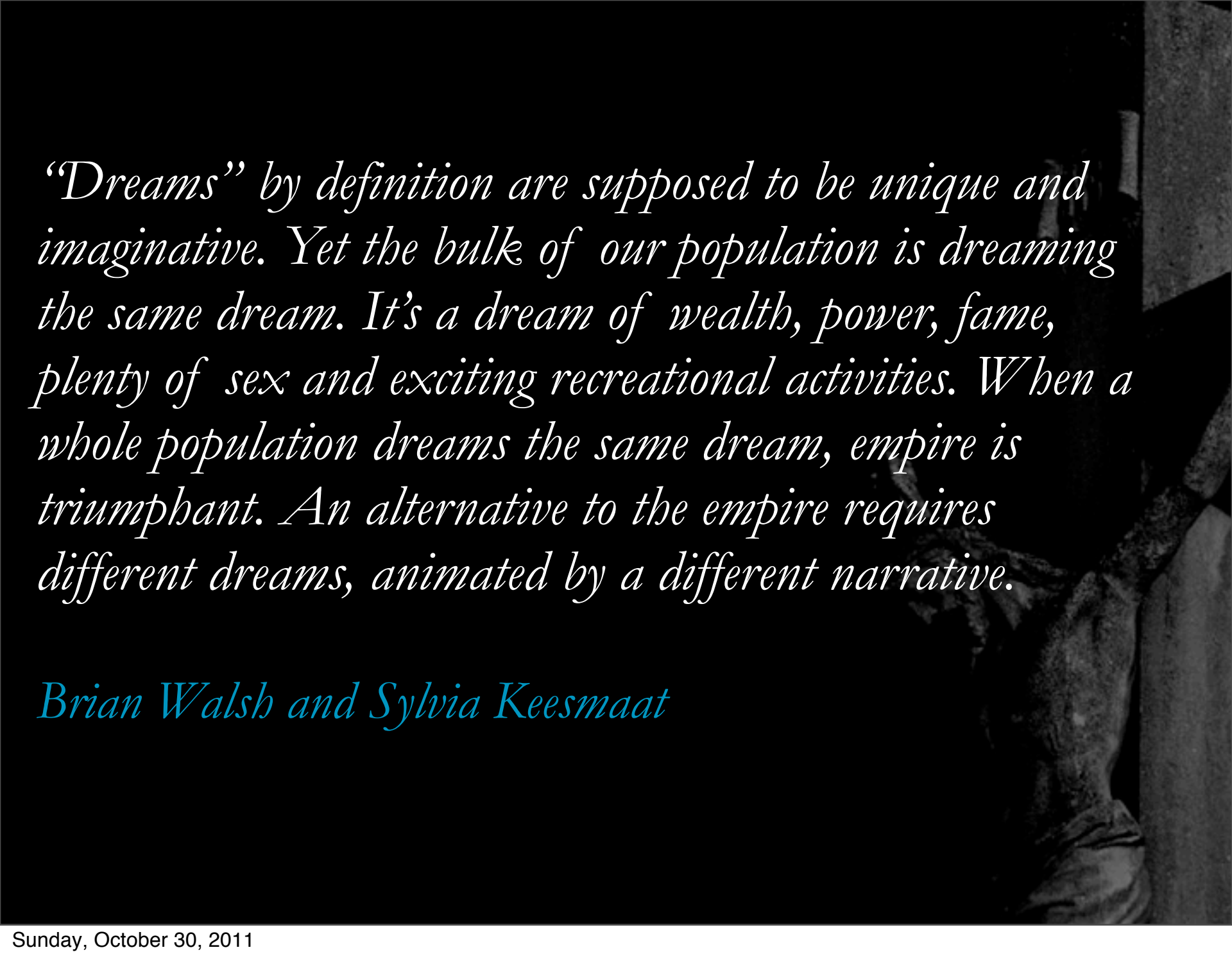


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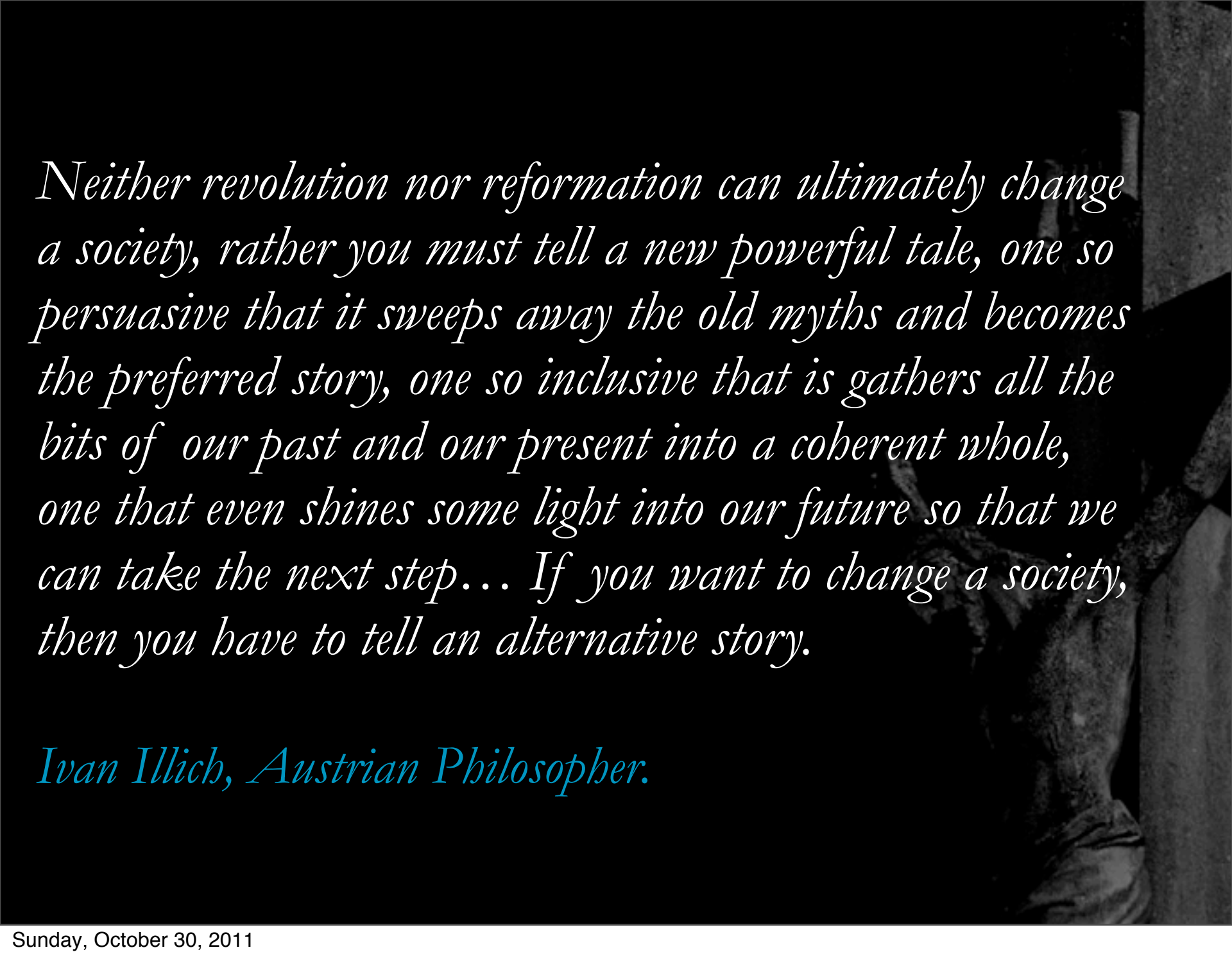
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Colossians 3 v 12-17



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Ivan Illich, Austrian Philosopher.

EMPIRES:

Babylonians

Persians

Greeks

Romans





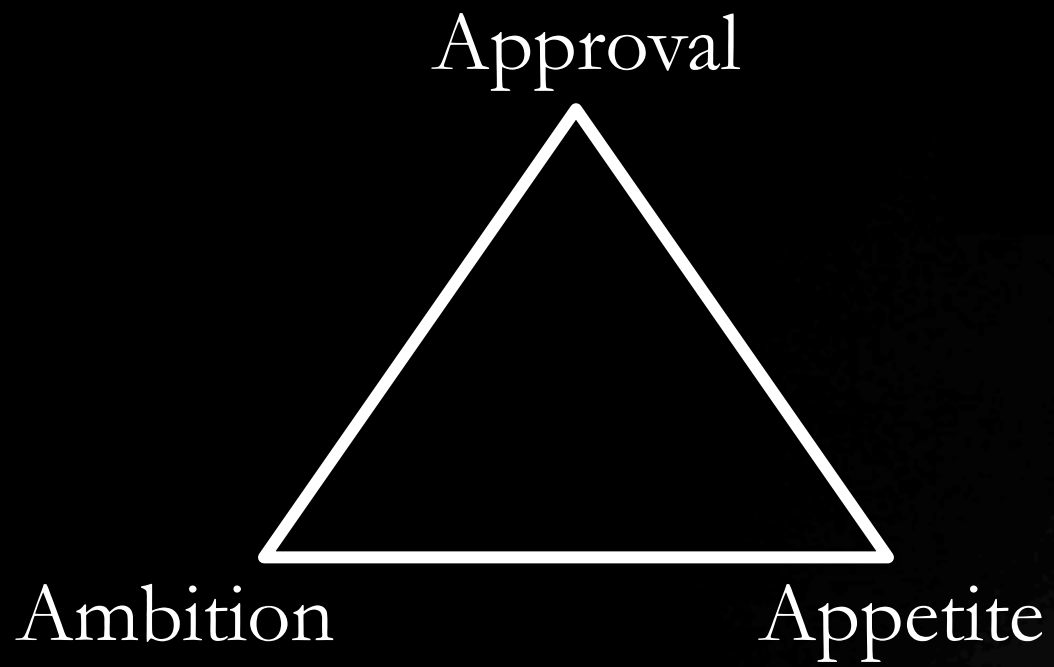
What makes an EMPIRE?

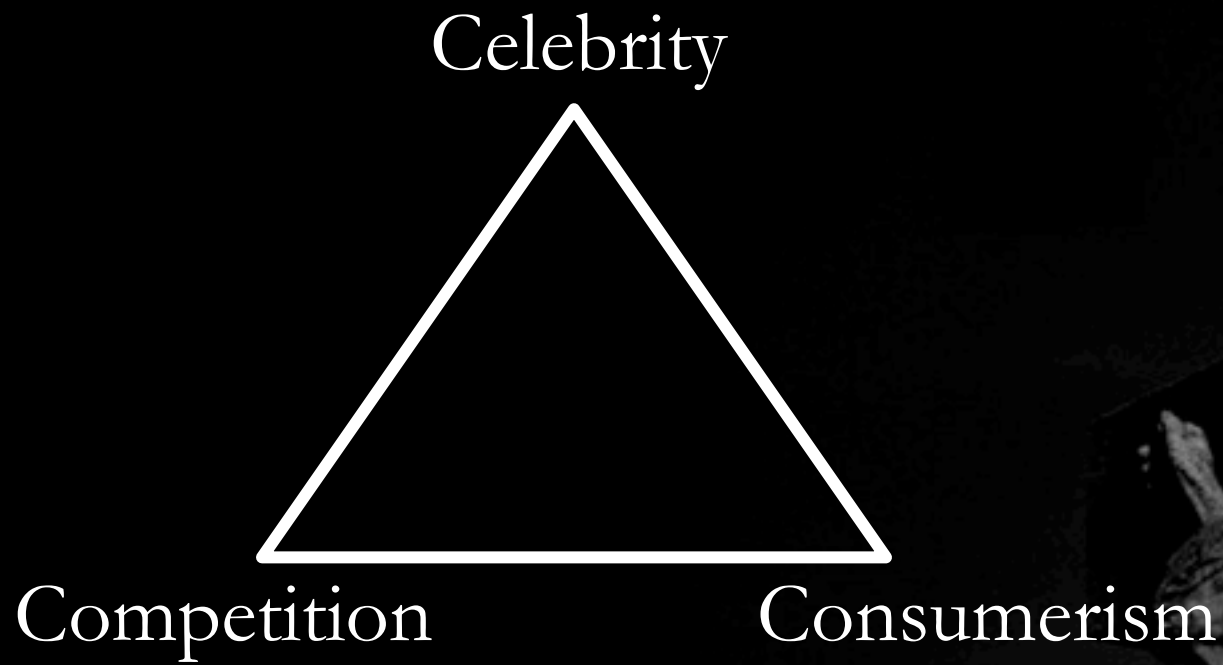
Systemic Centralization of Power

Socio-Economic and Military Control

Powerful Myths

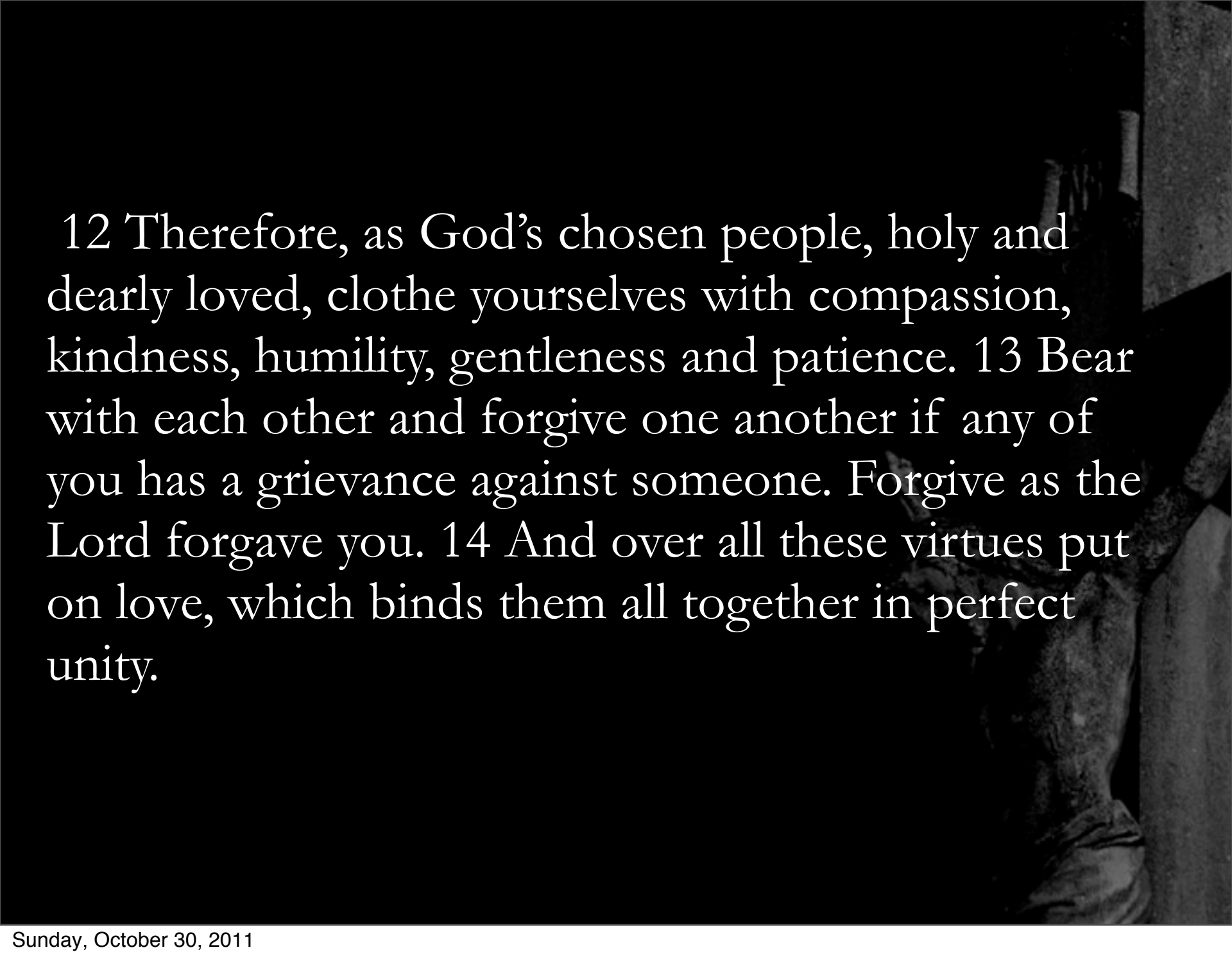
Imperial Images



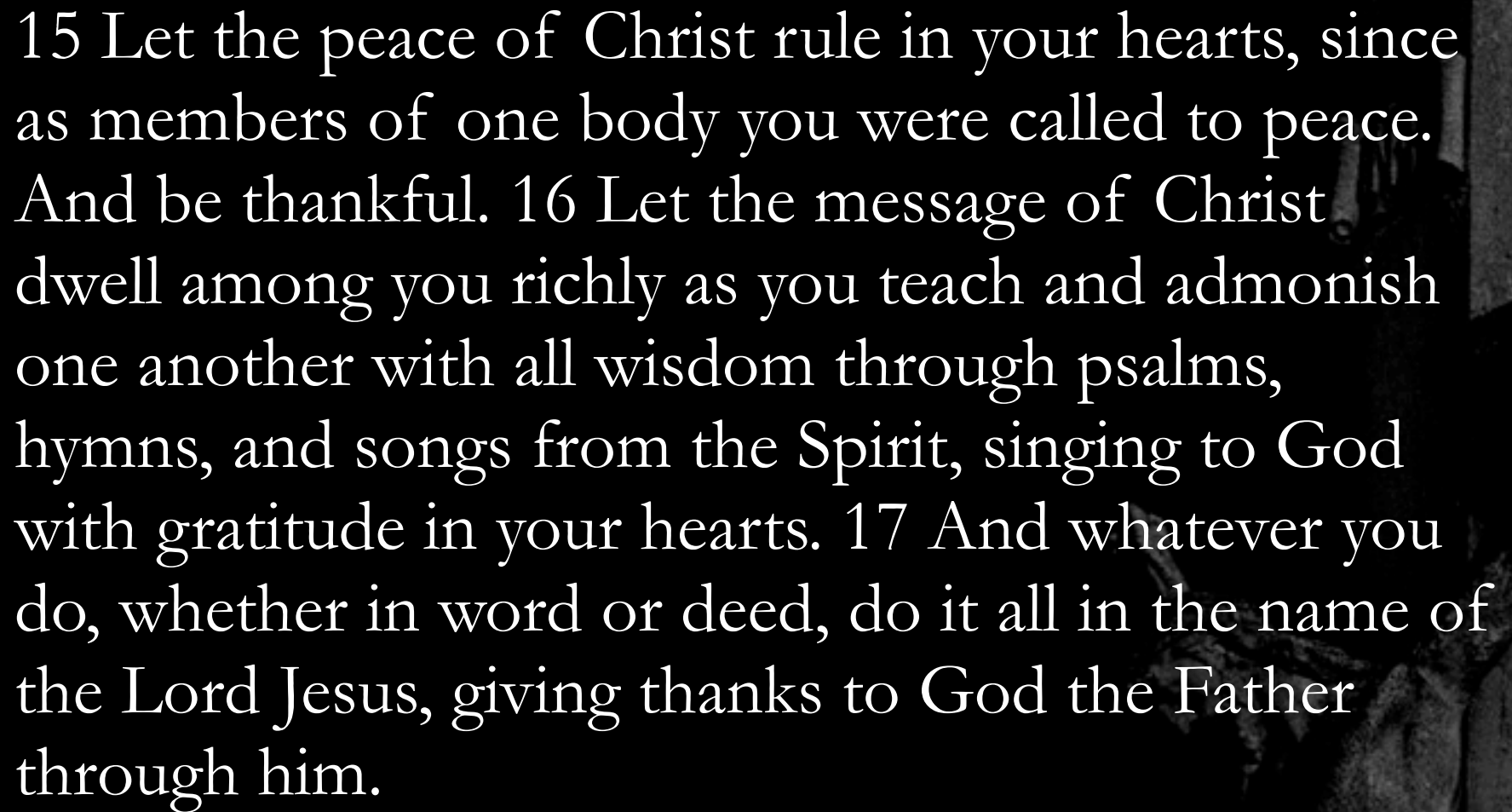


*Something to believe in
Somewhere to belong
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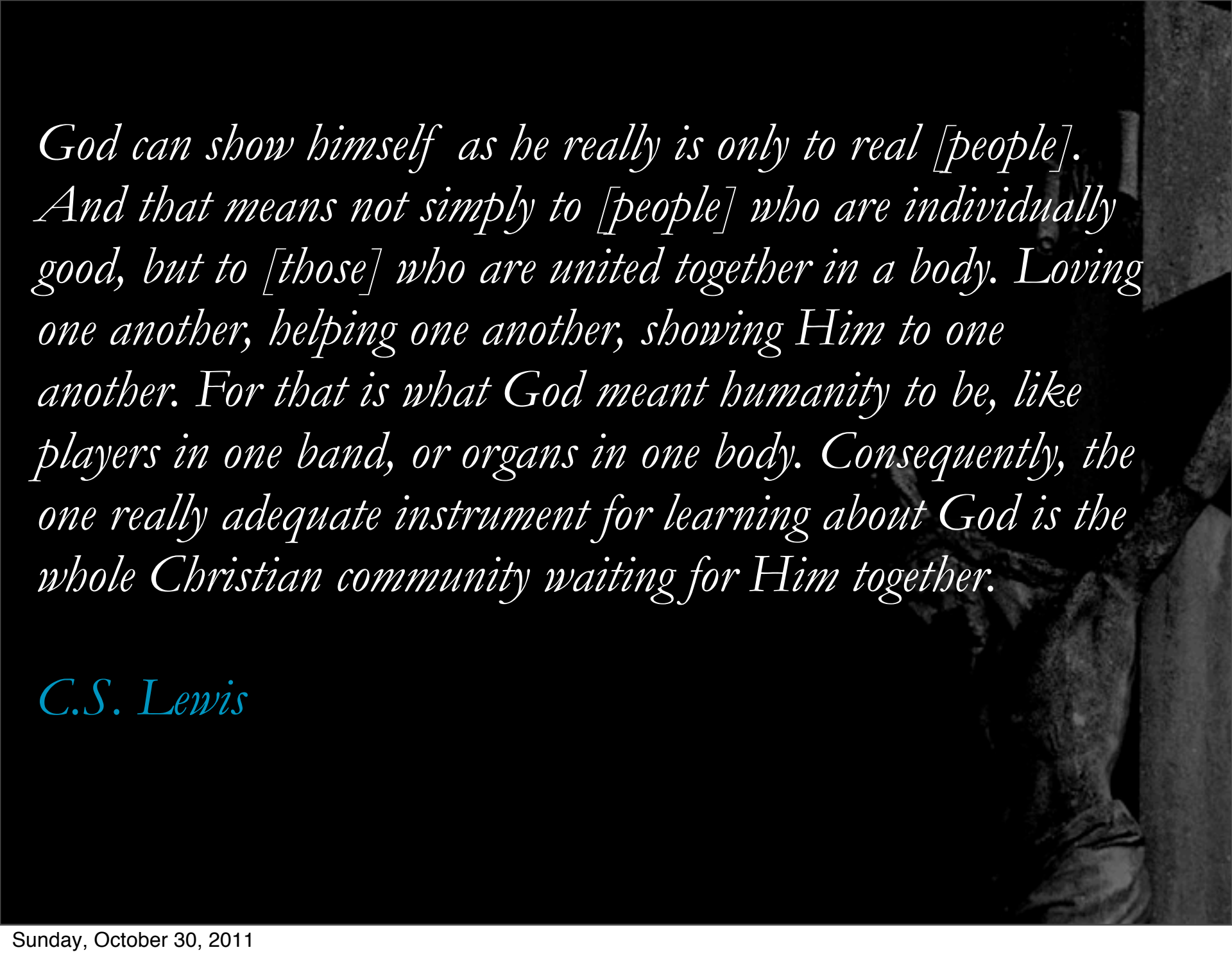
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Great potential



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Dearly Loved



CLOTHE YOURSELF

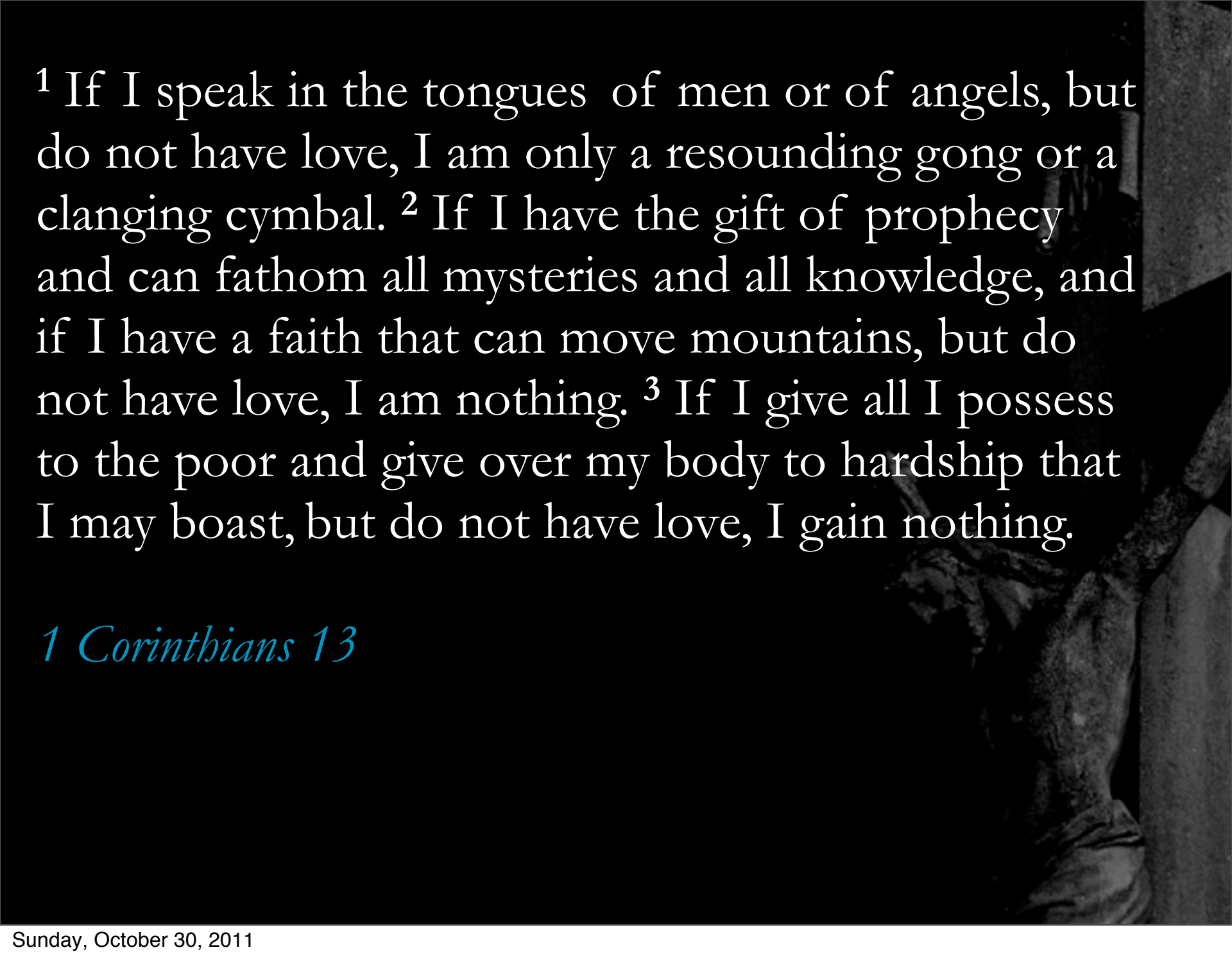


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*DRINK FROM THE
WELL OF GRACE*

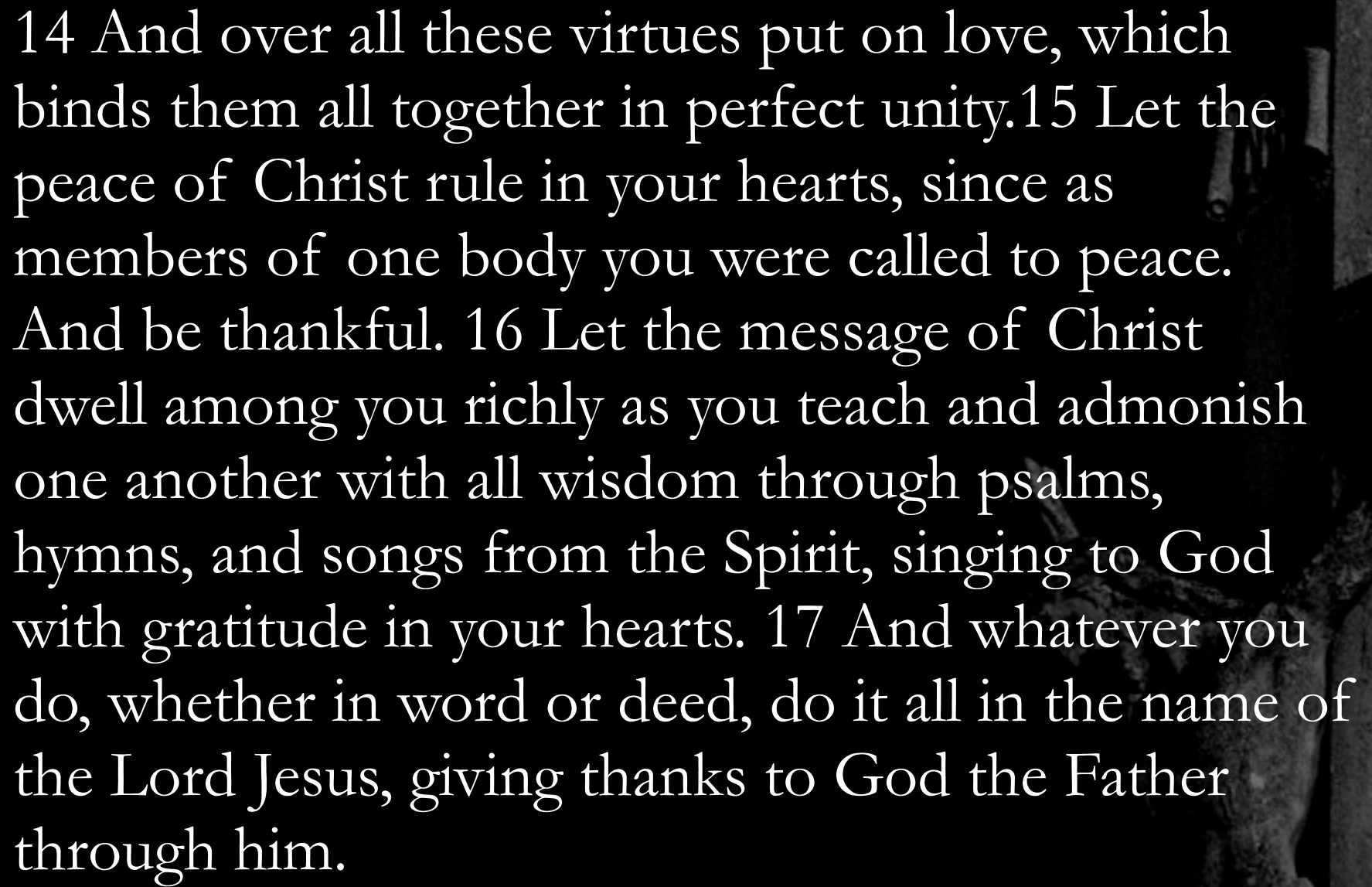


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¹ If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13



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