

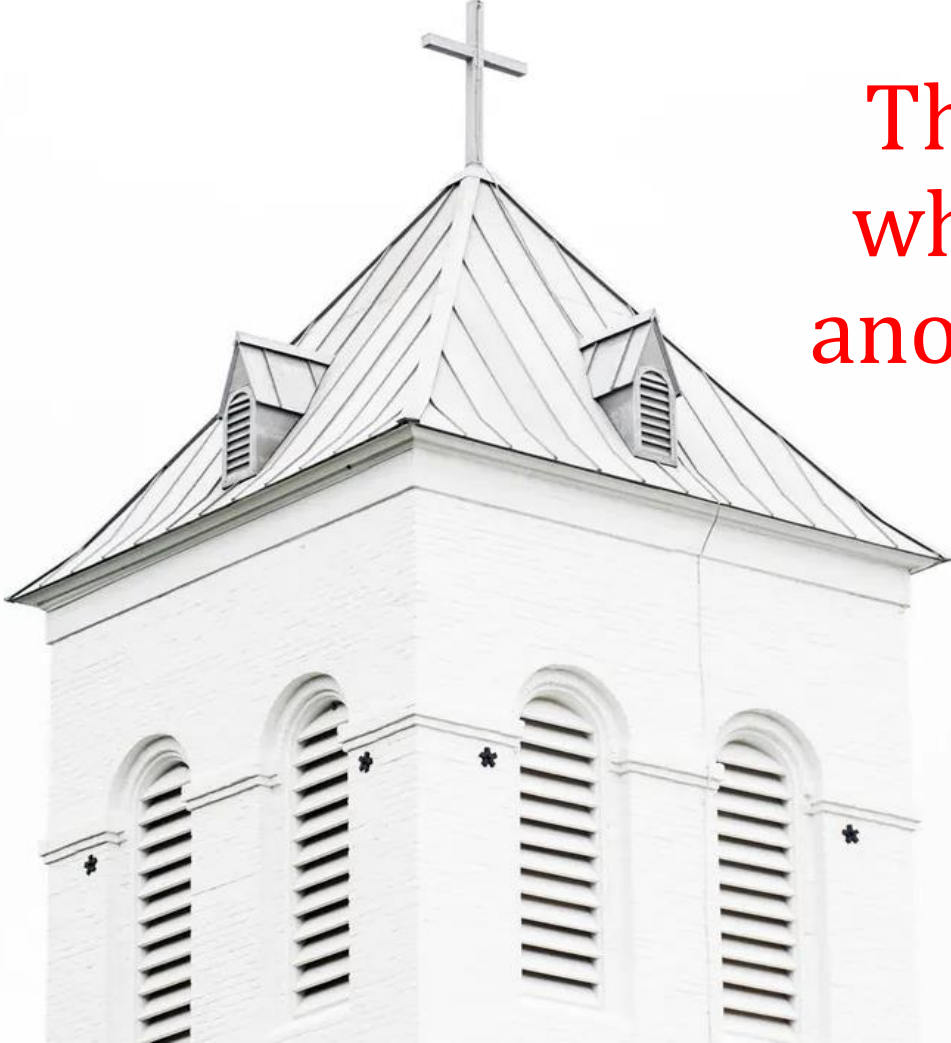


Radically Shaped By Love

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The church is a family
where people love one
another with agape love.



**The TEST of
love**

3 key insights for you to be radically shaped by agape love.

- 1. The contrast with agape love**
- 2. The shift into agape love**
- 3. The knowing of agape love**



**3 key insights for you to be
radically shaped by agape love.**

1. The contrast with agape love



**For this is the message that you
have heard from the beginning,
that we should love one another.**

1 John 3:11




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.

1 John 3:12





A pair of hands is shown from the left, cupped together and holding a glowing red heart. The heart is bright and appears to be emitting light, with a soft glow around it. The background is a solid, light blue color. The hands are positioned in the lower-left quadrant of the image, with the fingers slightly curled around the heart. The overall composition is simple and evocative, symbolizing love and care.

**Agape love
is the radical
actionable
opposite of
murder.**

**...let us not love in word or talk
but in deed and in truth.**

1 John 3:18



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**Do not be surprised, brothers,
that the world hates you.**

1 John 3:13



A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

John 13:34



Agape love



for one another is not just a new command from God; it flows from a new capacity given by God.

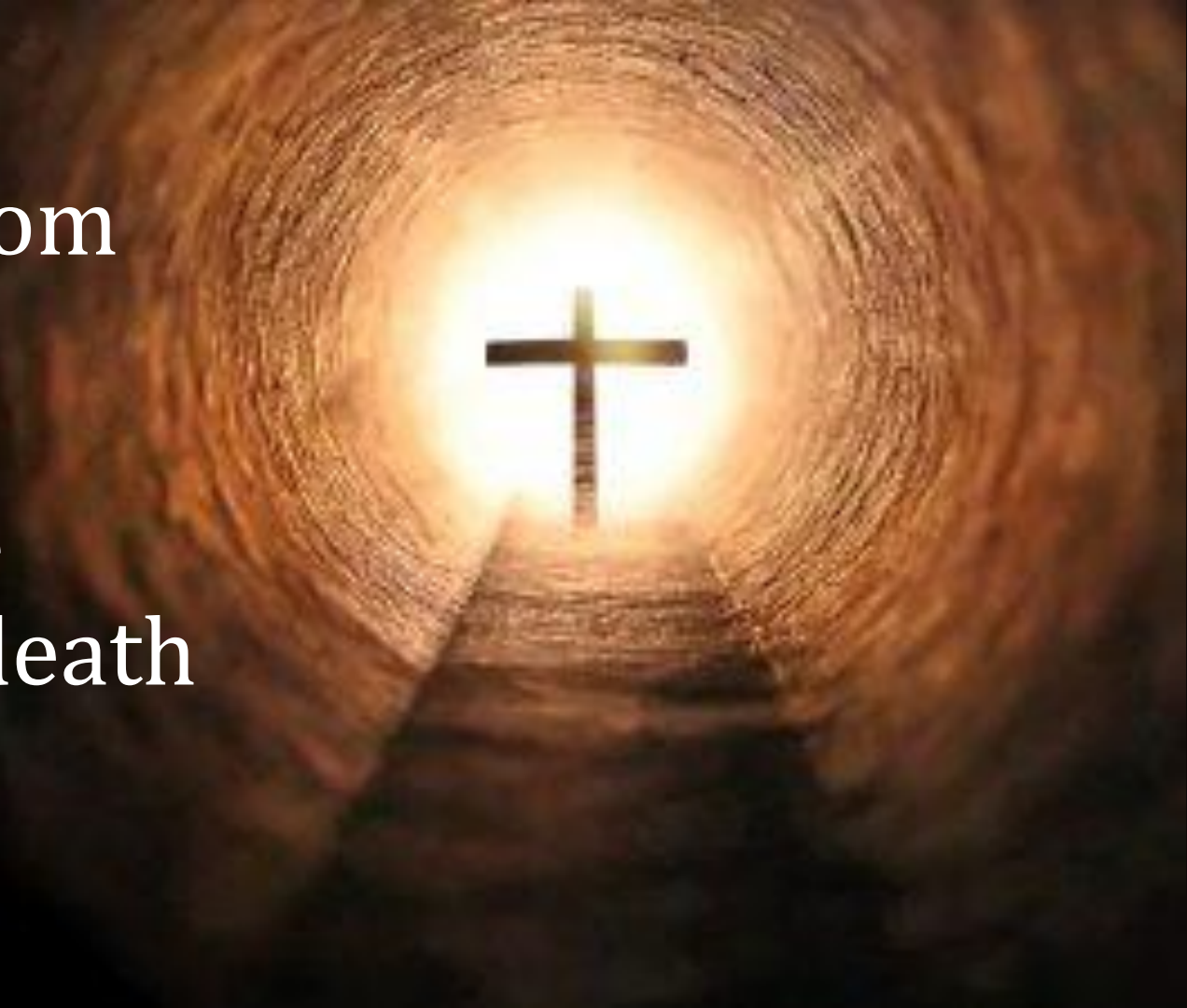


14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. 15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

1 John 3:14-15



The shift from
hatred into
agape love
mirrors the
shift from death
into life.



Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another,

1 Thessalonians 4:9




“Our love for one another is the flower and fruit that indicates eternal life is at the root.”



Thabiti Anyabwile



The image features a warm, golden-brown background. On the left side, there is a silhouette of a family consisting of a man, a woman, and two children. They are standing in front of a large, simple cross. A bright light source, possibly a window or a lamp, is positioned behind the cross, creating a strong backlighting effect that silhouettes the family and the cross. The light creates a soft glow across the scene. On the right side of the image, there is a dark grey rectangular area containing white text.

The shift from hatred
into agape love mirrors
the shift from being
a child of the Devil to
being a child of God.

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:44



Charles Spurgeon


Every man who hates another has the venom of murder in his veins. He may never actually take the deadly weapons into his hand and destroy life; but if he wishes that his brother were out of the way, if he would be glad if no such person existed, that feeling amounts to murder in the judgment of God.



**See what kind of love the Father
has given to us, that we should be
called children of God...**

1 John 3:1





As God's children, we receive more rights
from Him than any wrongs we could
possibly receive from the entire hateful
world combined.

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1 John 3:16



and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

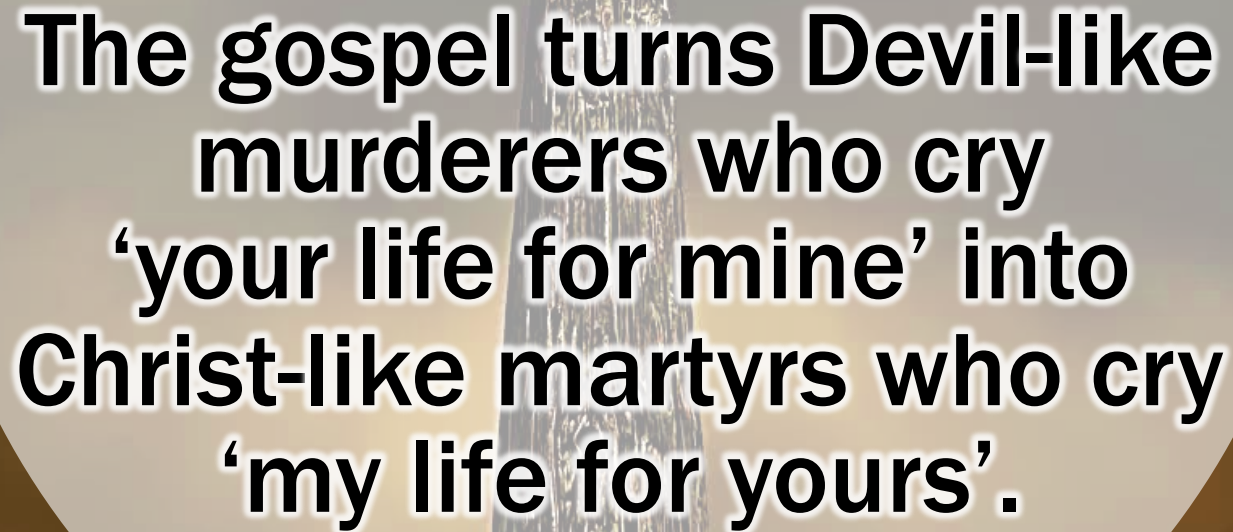
Hebrews 12:24



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

1 John 3:16





**The gospel turns Devil-like
murderers who cry
'your life for mine' into
Christ-like martyrs who cry
'my life for yours'.**

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?

1 John 3:17



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