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Add to godliness brotherly kindness - 2 Peter 1:6



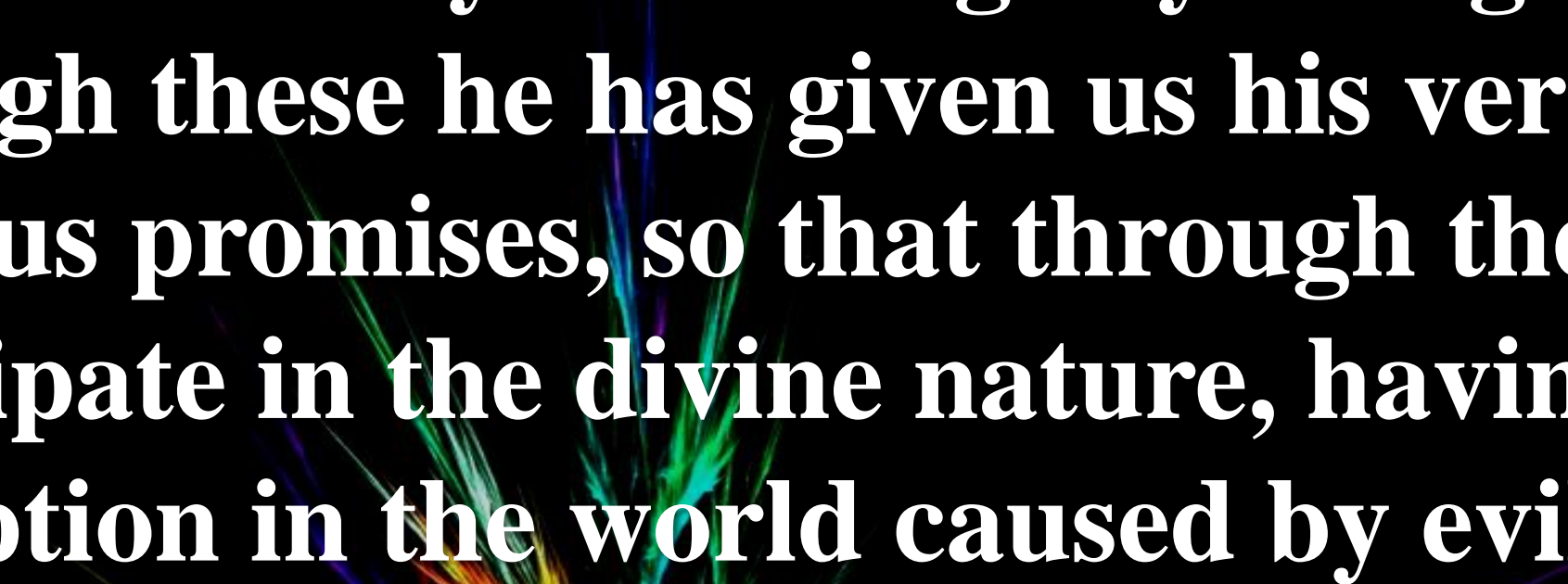
Ephesians 3

17 ...I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ




2 Peter 1

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.



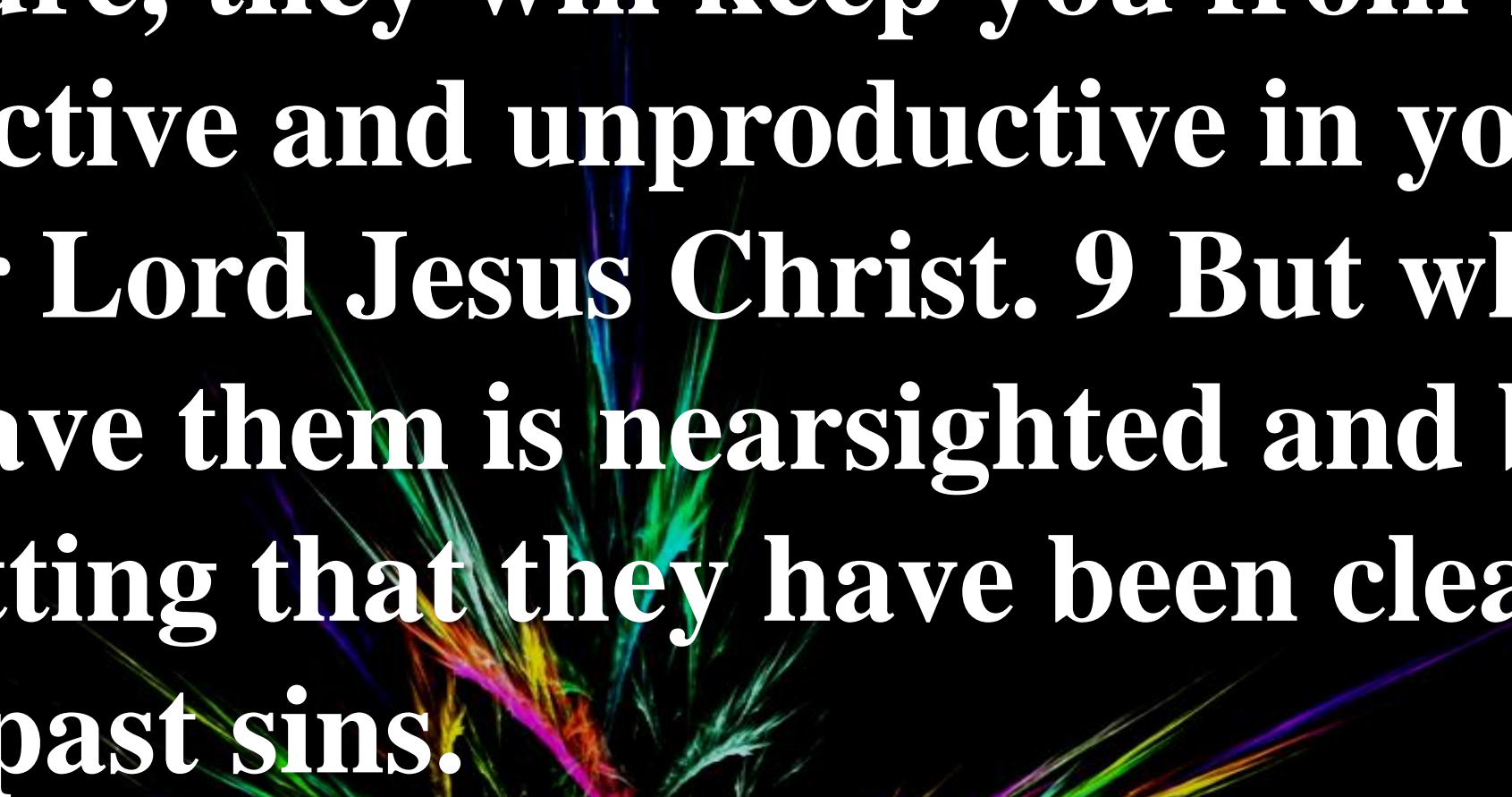
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8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.



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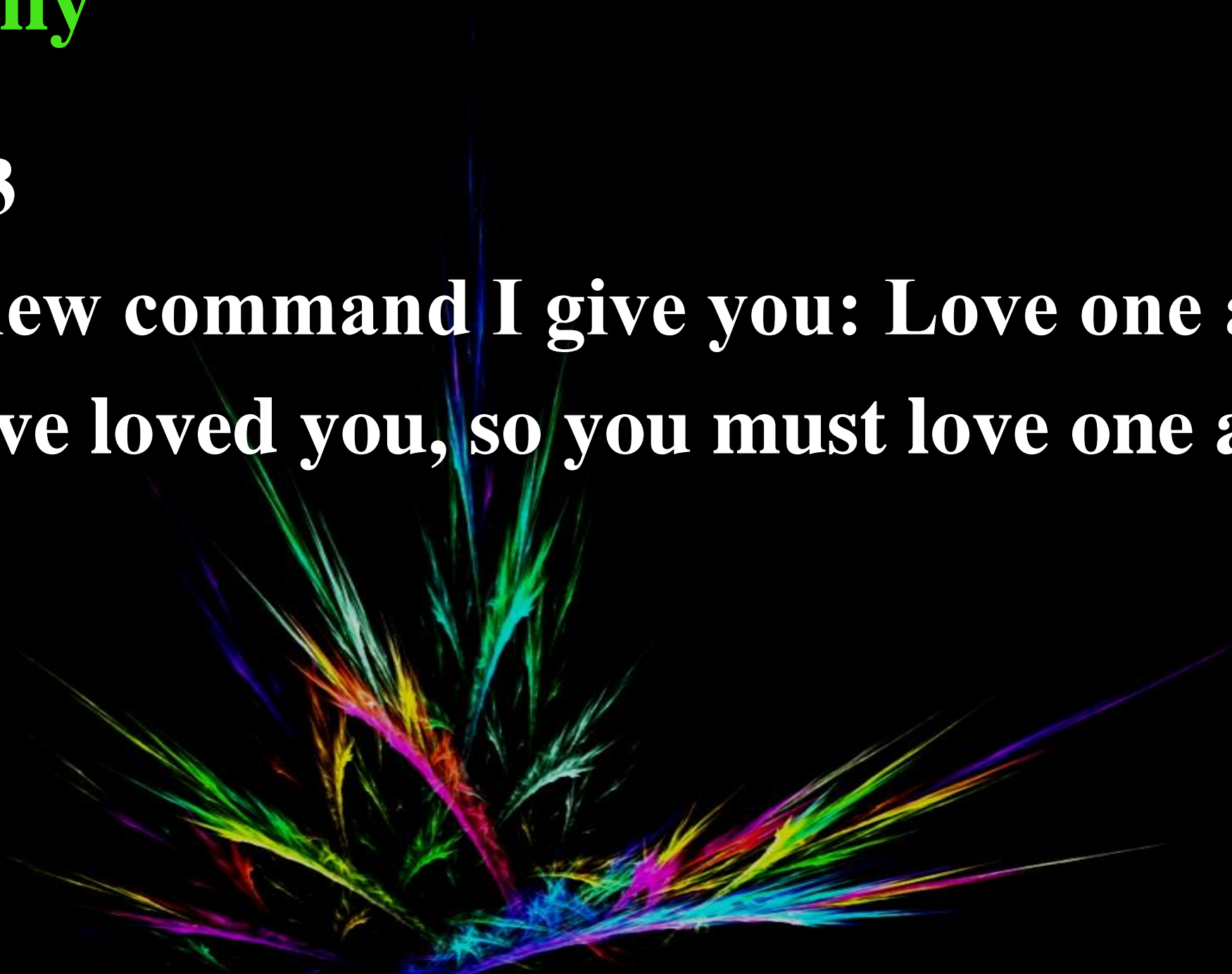
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1. We are part of a real, blood-bought, eternal family

John 13

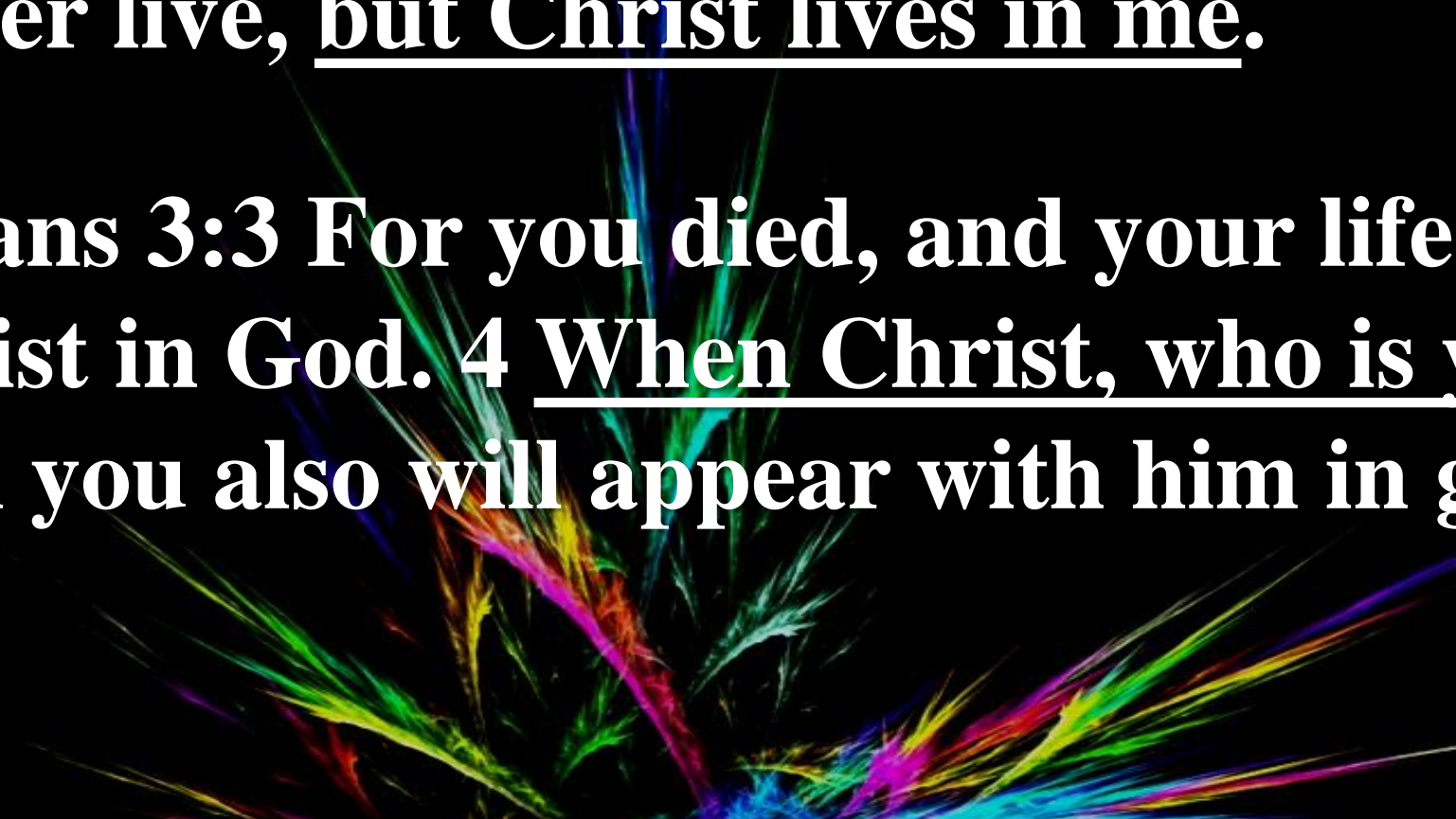
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Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

Colossians 3:3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.



2. We are called to have an intense affection for one another

Romans 12

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.



Agape – a sacrificial love of decision that is based on will of the lover
– not the worthiness of the one being loved

Philia – a friendship love

Eros – a romantic love

Storge – a love of tender affection – usually between family
members



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1 Peter 1

22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.



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1 Peter 4

7 The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. 8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

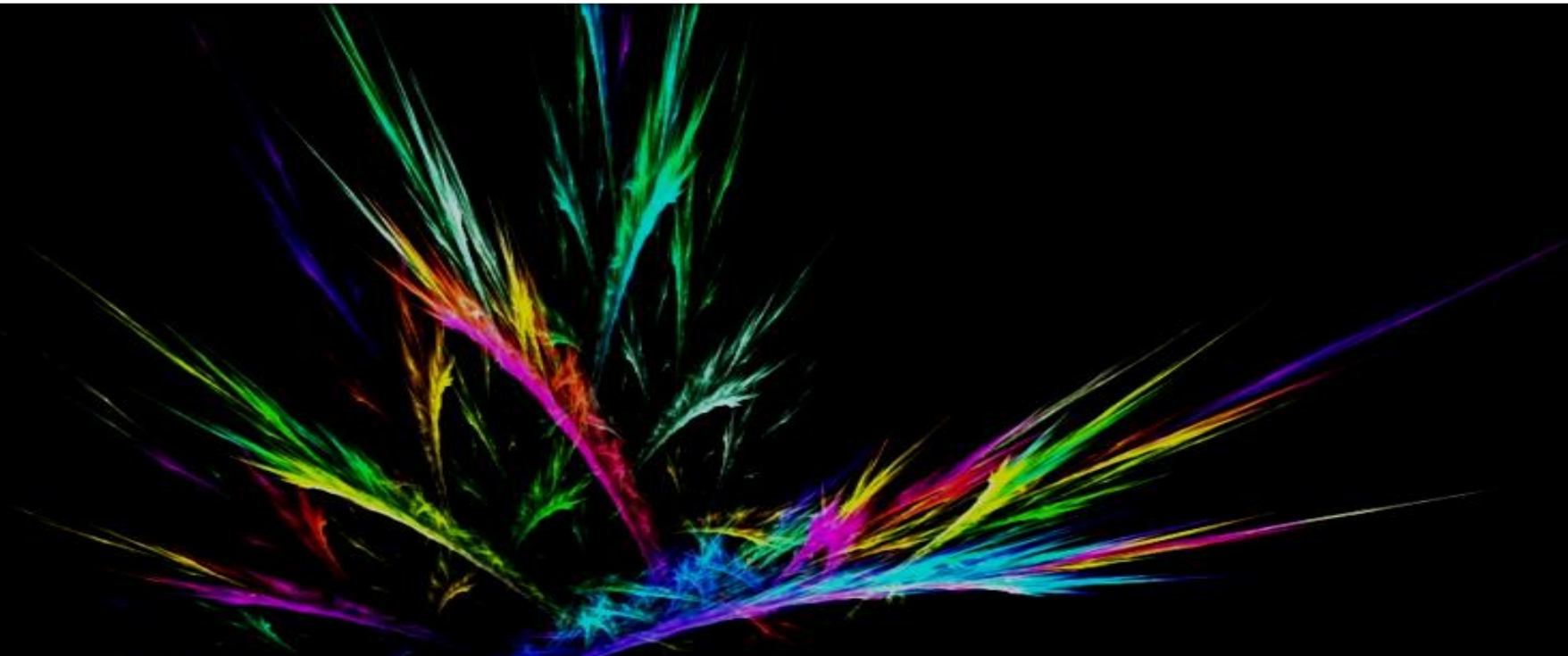
Luke 22: 44 And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

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3. Brotherly love is a great evangelism strategy

John 13

34 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”



- 1. Come early – stay late**
- 2. Seek out those who are not like you**
- 3. Pray for each other**
- 4. Greet all newer people warmly**
- 5. Ask yourself “How can I spur someone on toward love and good deeds?”** (Heb. 10:24)
- 6. Ask yourself “How can I meet a need in order to exalt Christ?”**
- 7. Daily strive to live for the glory of Jesus Christ**

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