



A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS

HOLINESS IN LOVE

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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Wisdom, Image, Status

Food, Worship, Communion

Idolatry, Immorality, Immaturity



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What is true wisdom?

What does it mean to be “spiritual”?

How do we walk in love?



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LOVE

Phileo • Storge • Eros • Agape

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Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.



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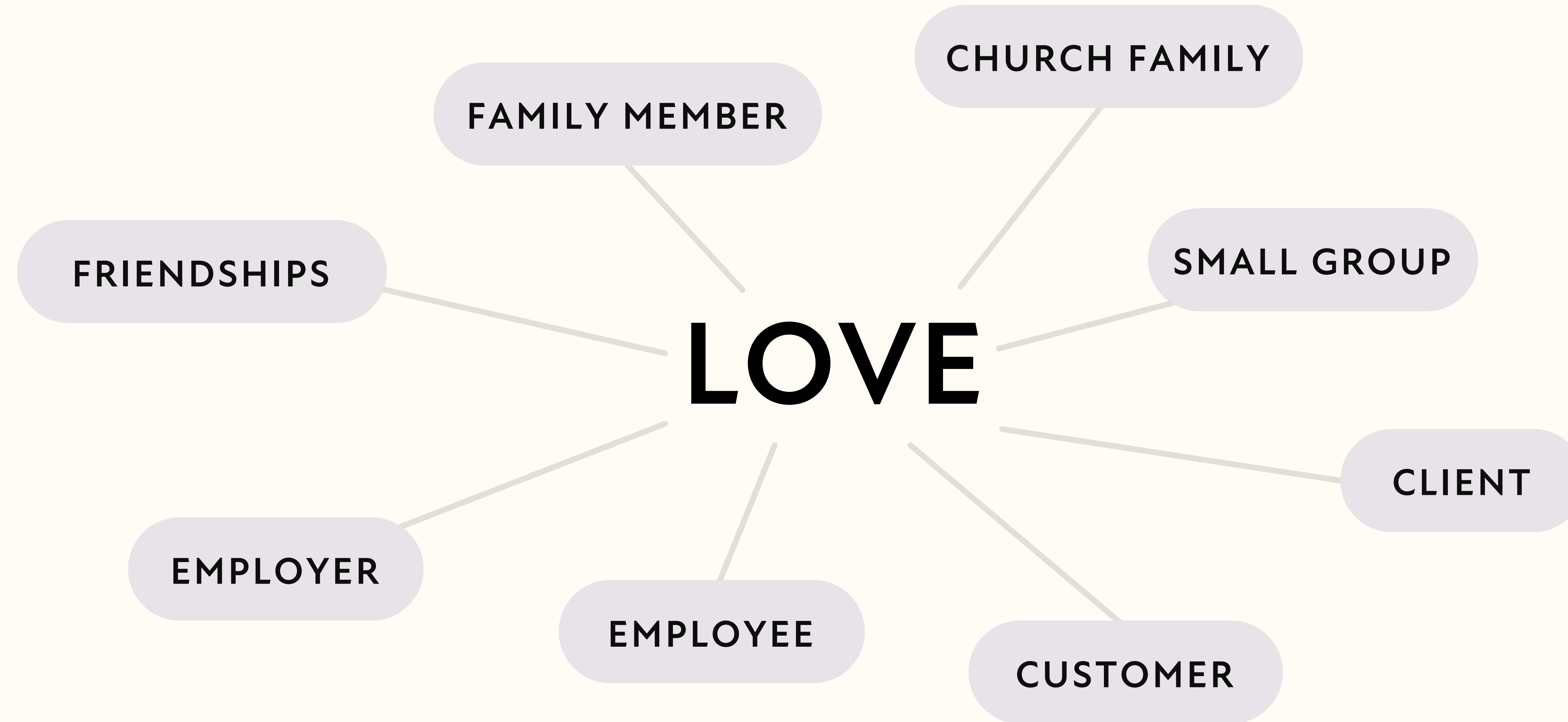
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“In a society where so much is presented in terms of ‘self’ (whether self-awareness, self-esteem, self-acceptance, self-image, self-realization, etc.), to present a way of existence in which a person lives for the other in a life of loving self-sacrifice will be highly provocative. Following the One who gave his life as a sacrifice for *us* will be humbling and undoubtedly costly in terms of human recognition and progress in life as secular society defines it.”

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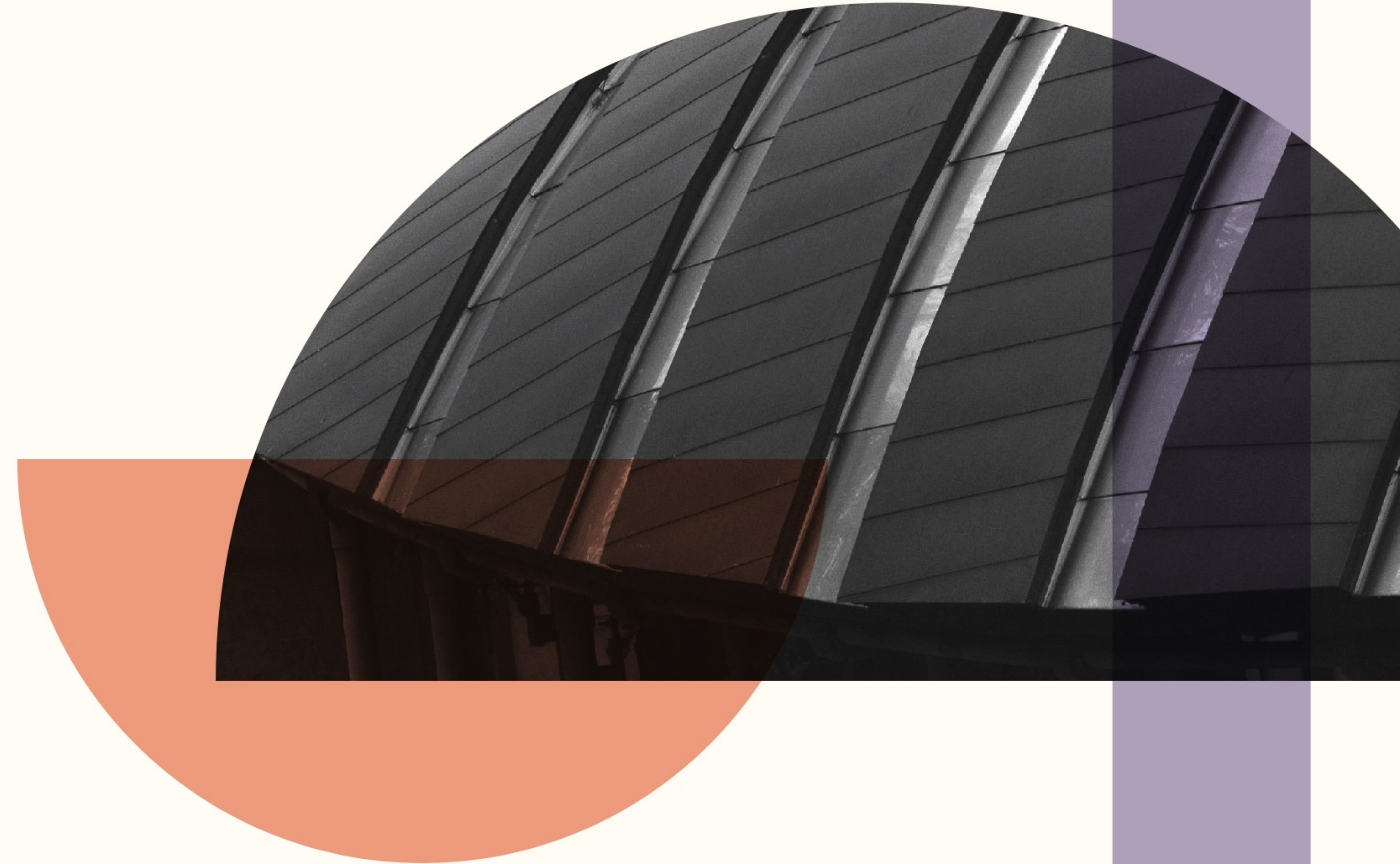
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Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that “We all possess knowledge.” But knowledge puffs up while **love builds up**.² Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know.³ **But whoever loves God is known by God.**

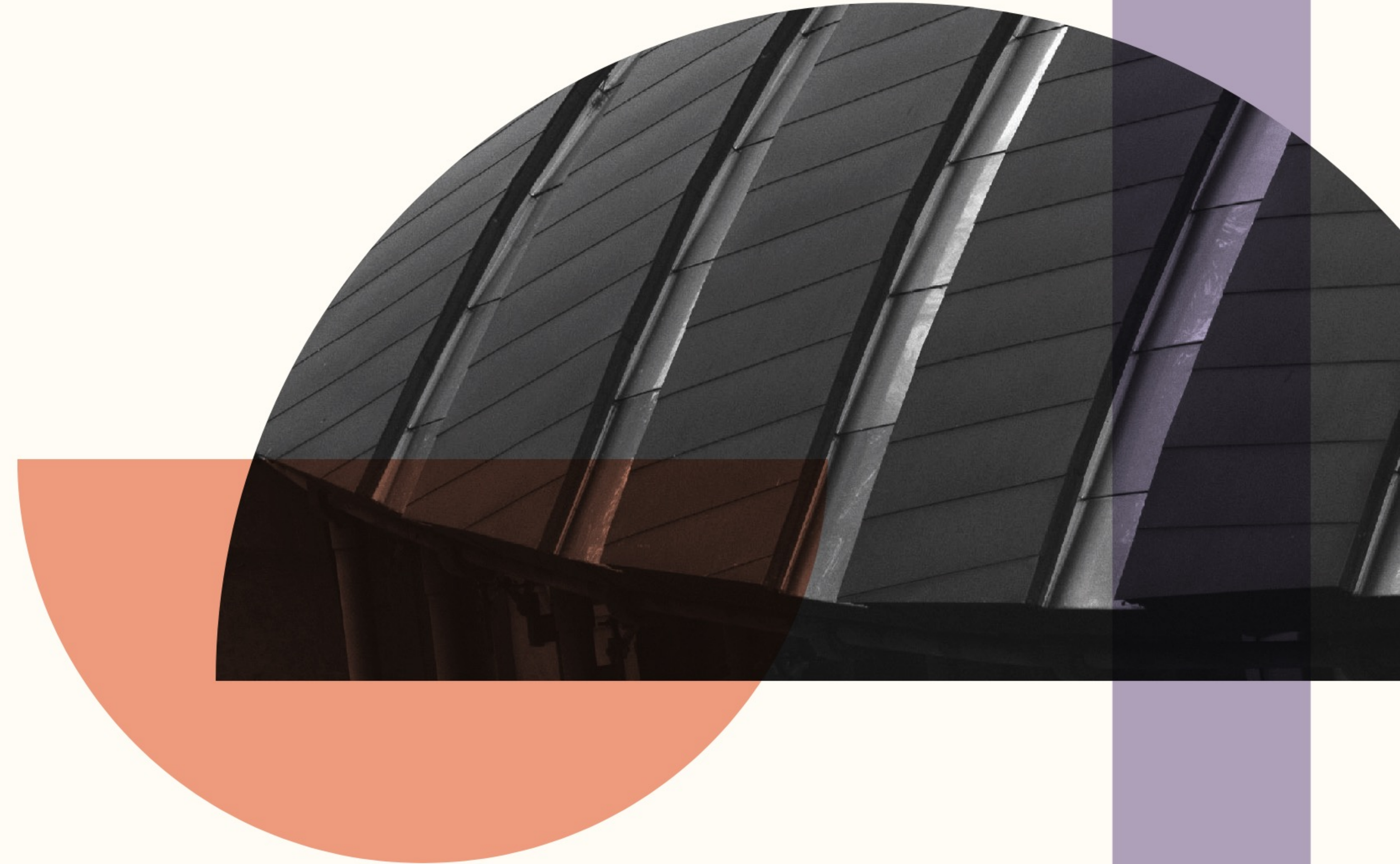
Romans 5:5-8 ^{NIV}

And hope does not put us to shame, because **God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit**, who has been given to us. ⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸**But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**



1 John 4:7-12 ^{NIV}

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**. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ **Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.** ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

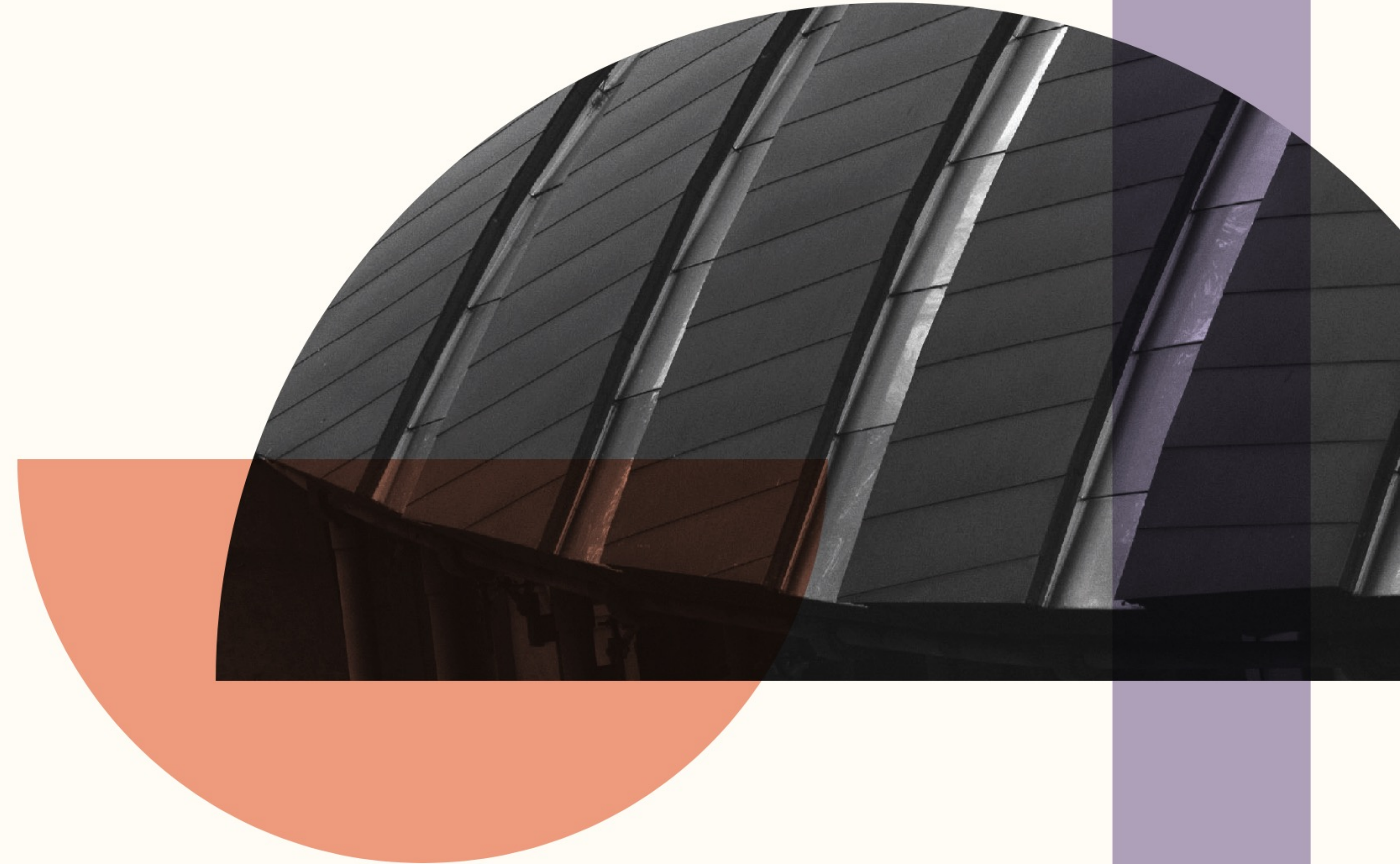


John 13:34-35 NIV

“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.”

John 15:12-13 NIV

“My command is this: Love each other **as I have loved you.** ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: **to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.**”



“Paul has clearly established the preeminence of love for the church’s identity. Unlike grace-gifts that not all possess, it is the marker of true community membership. All who are Christians possess it. Since it is active, it can be worked at and imitated, and since it comes from God and reflects God, it remains forever.”

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