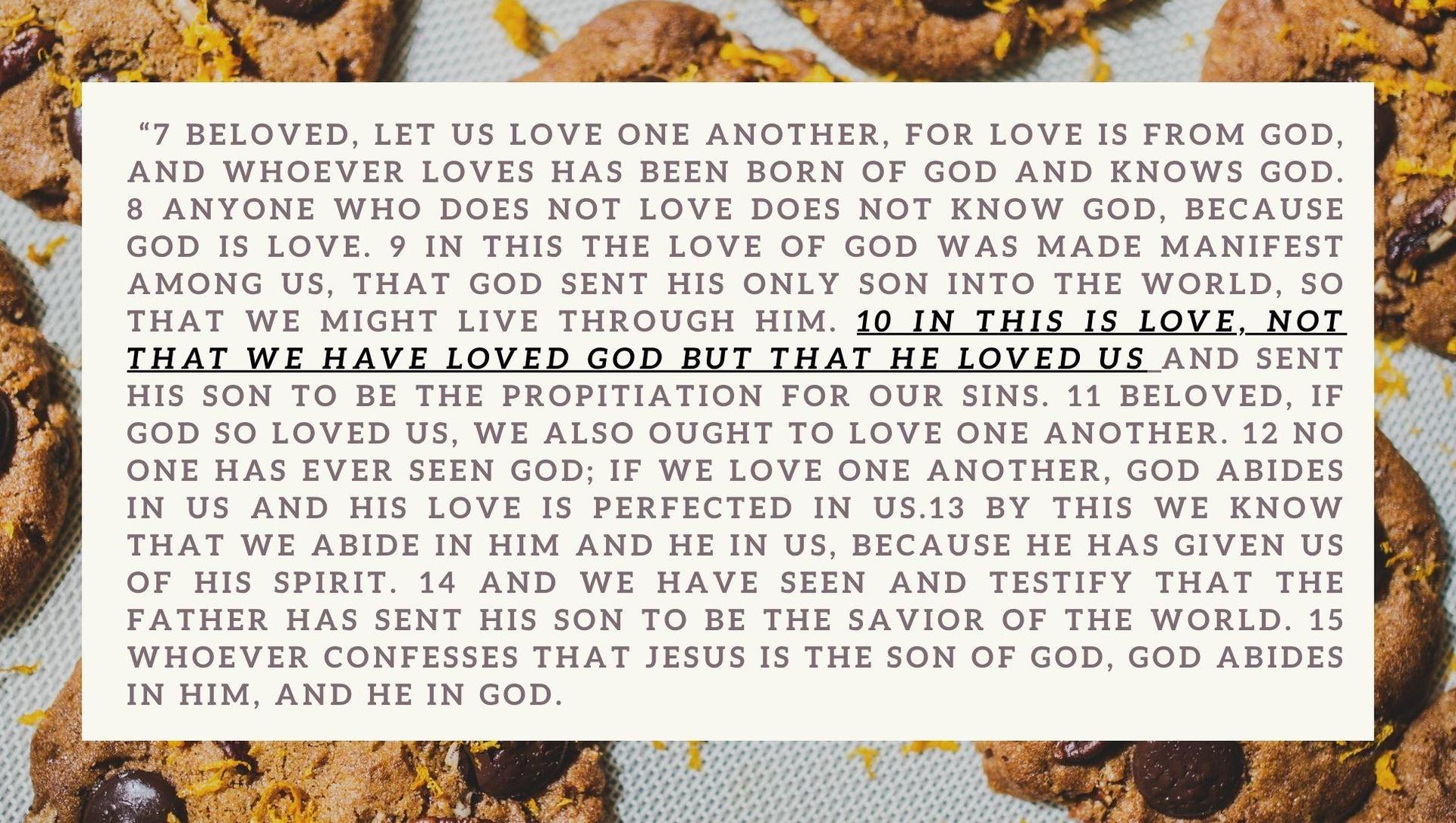


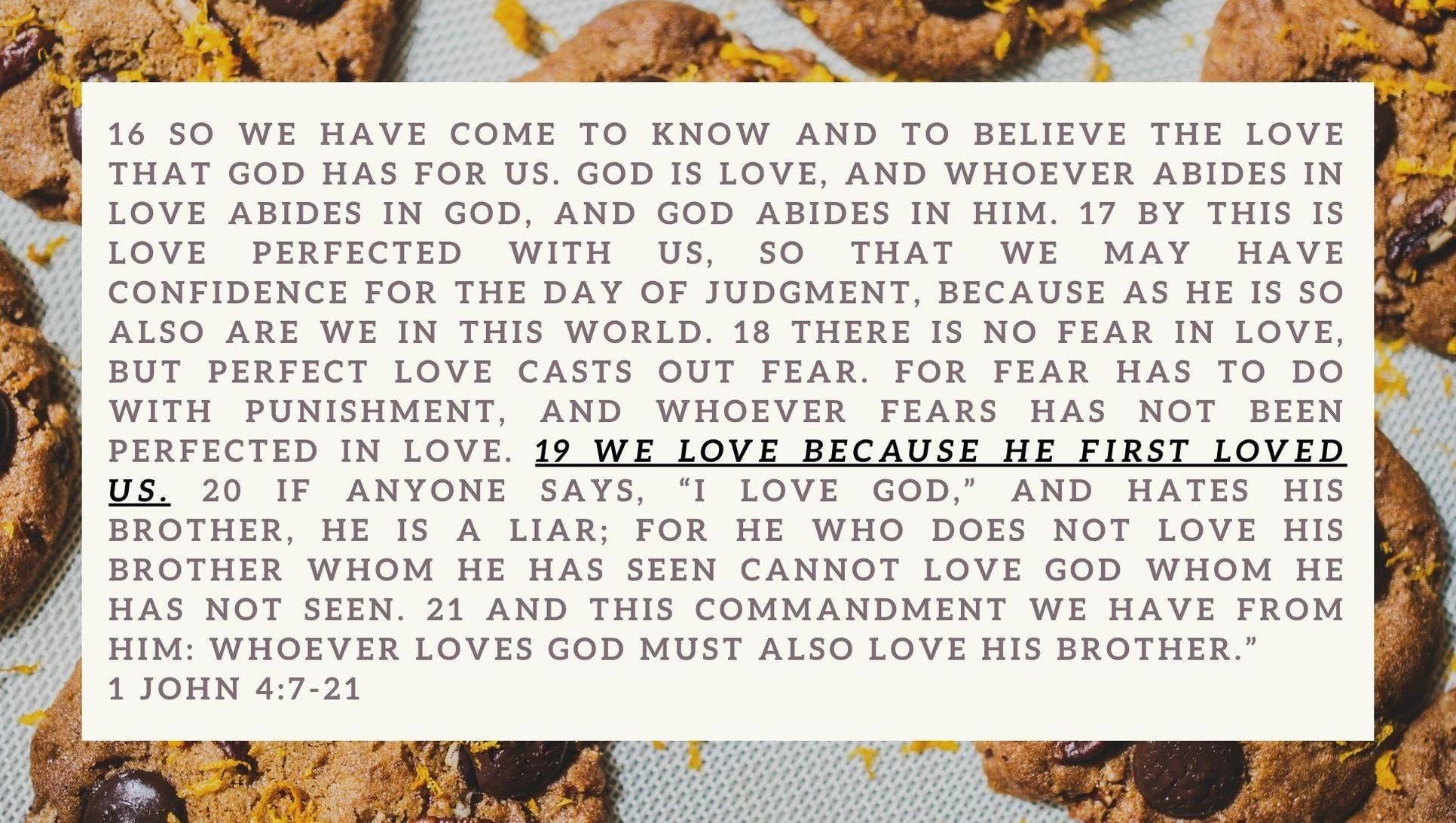
CERTAIN ETERNITY



THE LETTER OF FIRST JOHN



“7 BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER, FOR LOVE IS FROM GOD, AND WHOEVER LOVES HAS BEEN BORN OF GOD AND KNOWS GOD. 8 ANYONE WHO DOES NOT LOVE DOES NOT KNOW GOD, BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE. 9 IN THIS THE LOVE OF GOD WAS MADE MANIFEST AMONG US, THAT GOD SENT HIS ONLY SON INTO THE WORLD, SO THAT WE MIGHT LIVE THROUGH HIM. 10 IN THIS IS LOVE, NOT THAT WE HAVE LOVED GOD BUT THAT HE LOVED US AND SENT HIS SON TO BE THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS. 11 BELOVED, IF GOD SO LOVED US, WE ALSO OUGHT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. 12 NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN GOD; IF WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER, GOD ABIDES IN US AND HIS LOVE IS PERFECTED IN US. 13 BY THIS WE KNOW THAT WE ABIDE IN HIM AND HE IN US, BECAUSE HE HAS GIVEN US OF HIS SPIRIT. 14 AND WE HAVE SEEN AND TESTIFY THAT THE FATHER HAS SENT HIS SON TO BE THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD. 15 WHOEVER CONFESSES THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD, GOD ABIDES IN HIM, AND HE IN GOD.



16 SO WE HAVE COME TO KNOW AND TO BELIEVE THE LOVE THAT GOD HAS FOR US. GOD IS LOVE, AND WHOEVER ABIDES IN LOVE ABIDES IN GOD, AND GOD ABIDES IN HIM. 17 BY THIS IS LOVE PERFECTED WITH US, SO THAT WE MAY HAVE CONFIDENCE FOR THE DAY OF JUDGMENT, BECAUSE AS HE IS SO ALSO ARE WE IN THIS WORLD. 18 THERE IS NO FEAR IN LOVE, BUT PERFECT LOVE CASTS OUT FEAR. FOR FEAR HAS TO DO WITH PUNISHMENT, AND WHOEVER FEARS HAS NOT BEEN PERFECTED IN LOVE. **19 WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US.** 20 IF ANYONE SAYS, "I LOVE GOD," AND HATES HIS BROTHER, HE IS A LIAR; FOR HE WHO DOES NOT LOVE HIS BROTHER WHOM HE HAS SEEN CANNOT LOVE GOD WHOM HE HAS NOT SEEN. 21 AND THIS COMMANDMENT WE HAVE FROM HIM: WHOEVER LOVES GOD MUST ALSO LOVE HIS BROTHER."

1 JOHN 4:7-21

1 JOHN 4:7-21 VERSE BY VERSE

07- PARTS 26 & 27

08- PARTS 29 & 36

09- PARTS 4 & 9

10- PART 14

11- PARTS 16 & 30

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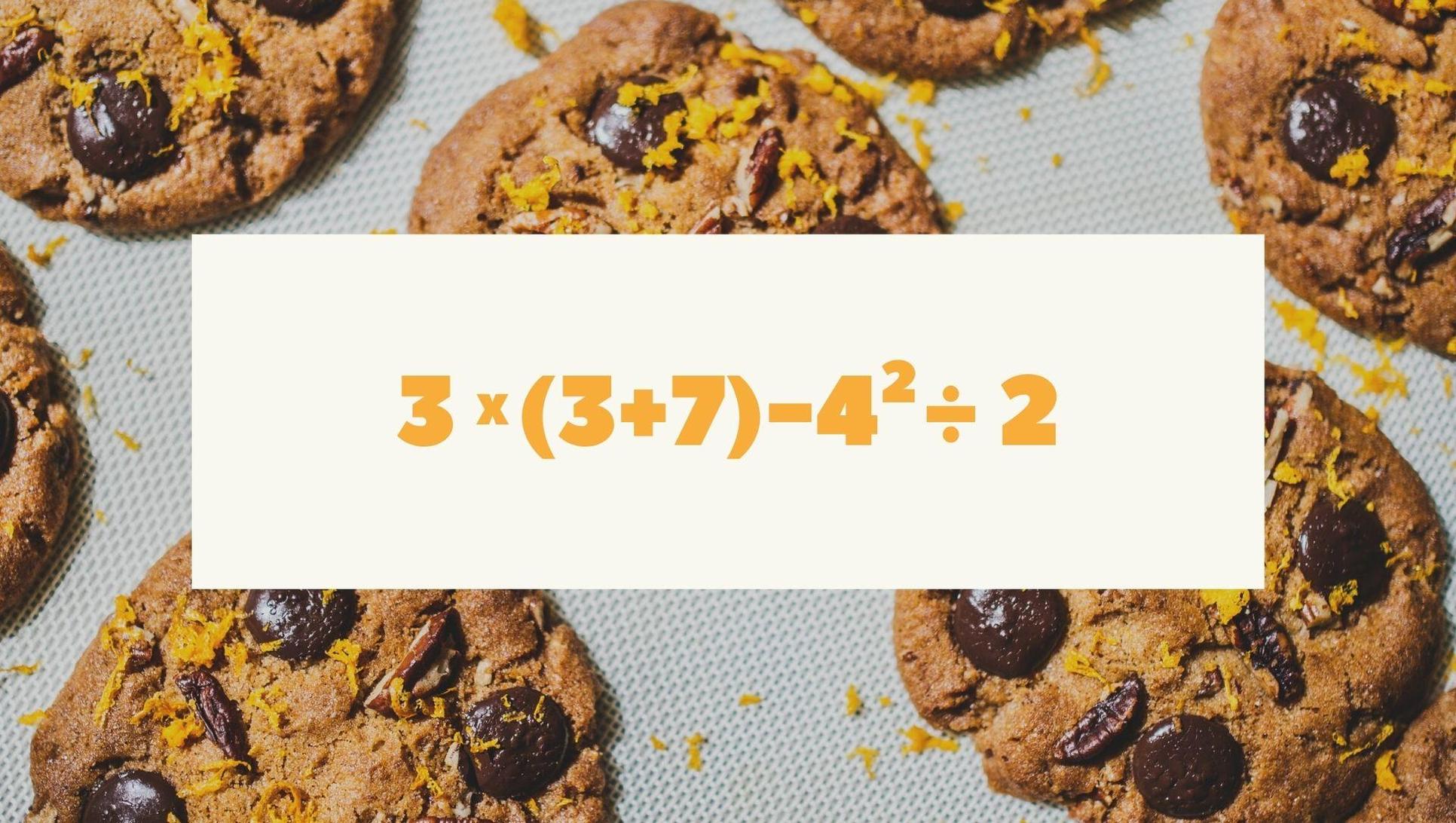
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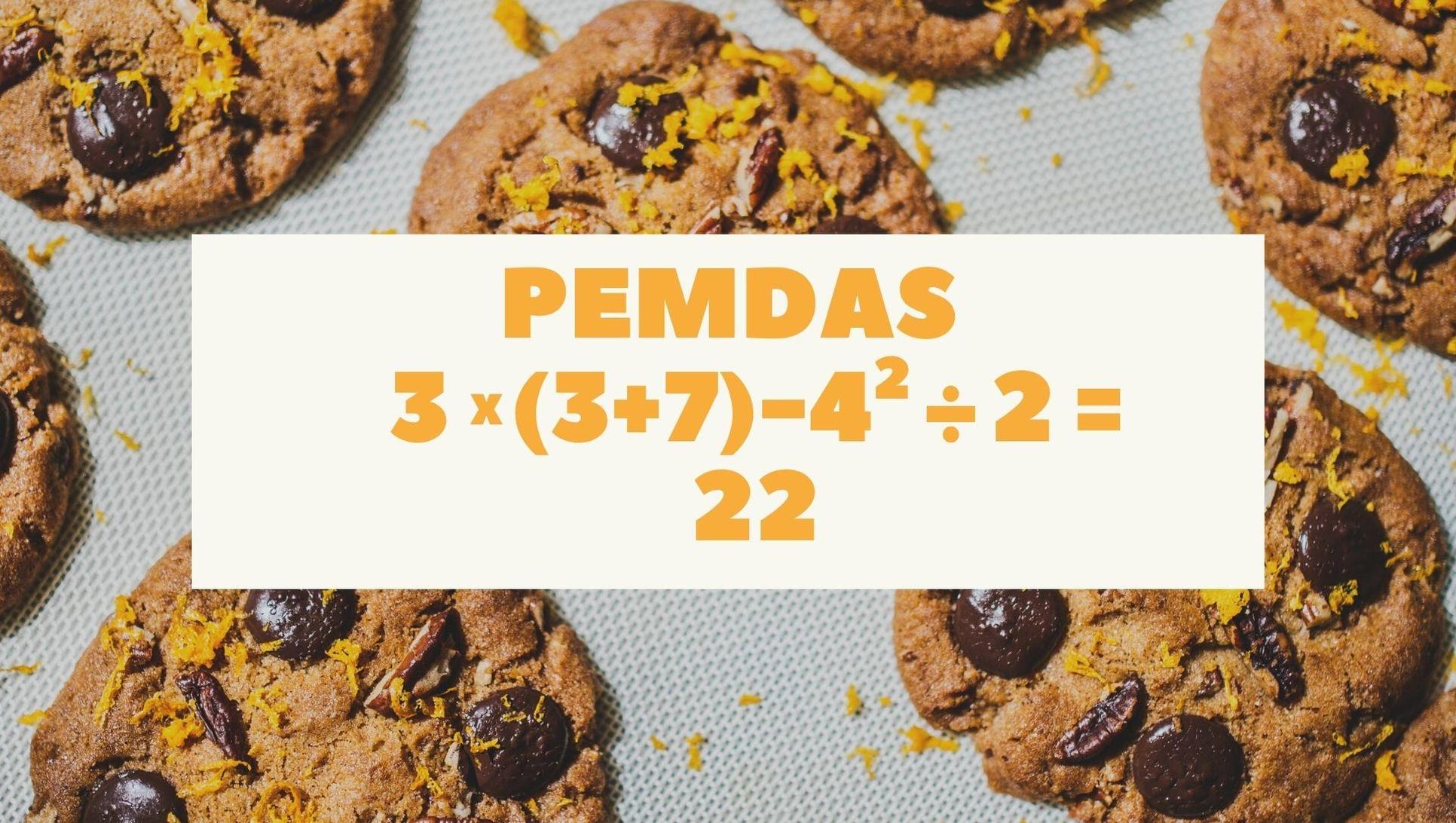
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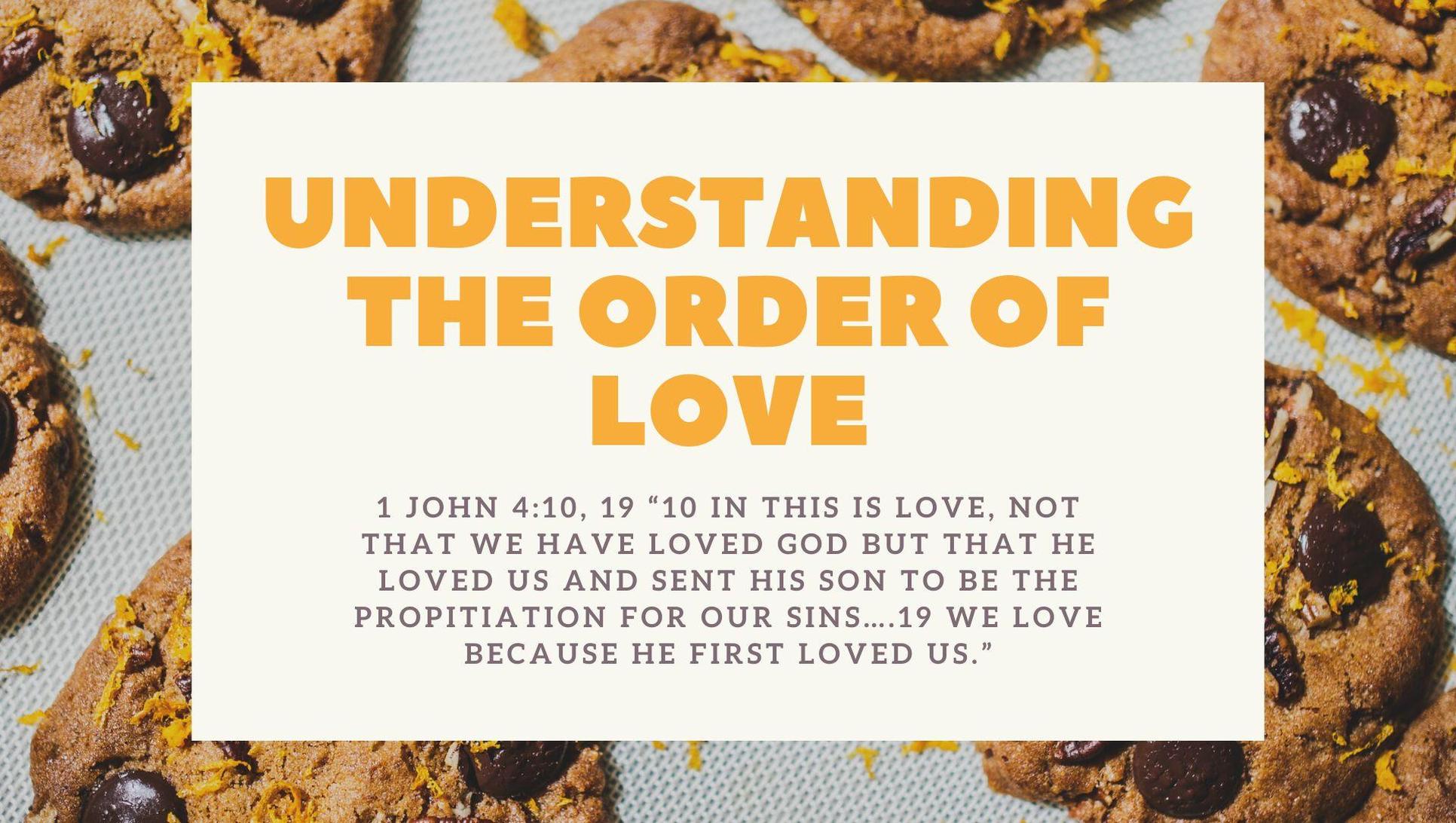
LOVE IN ORDER


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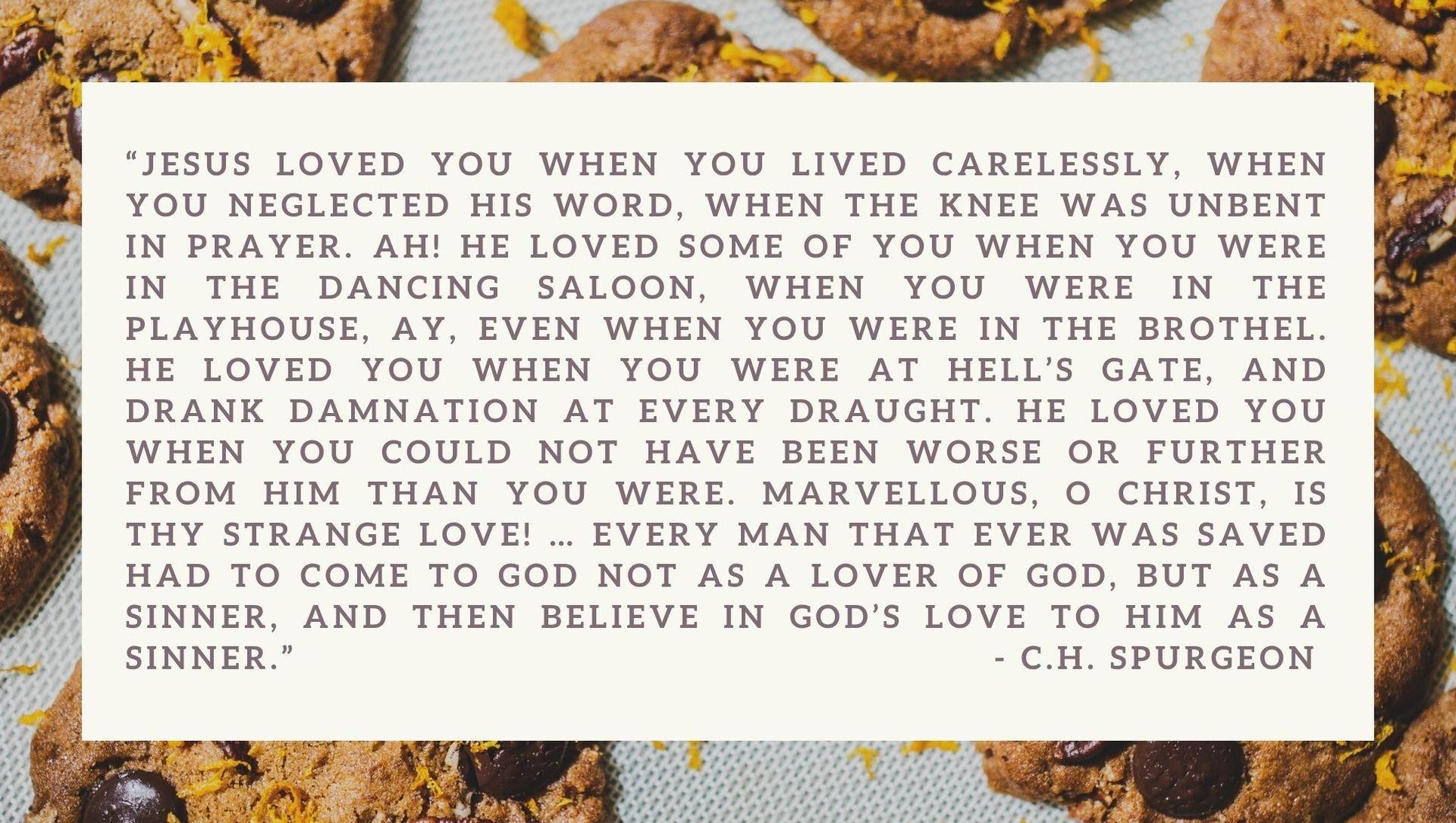
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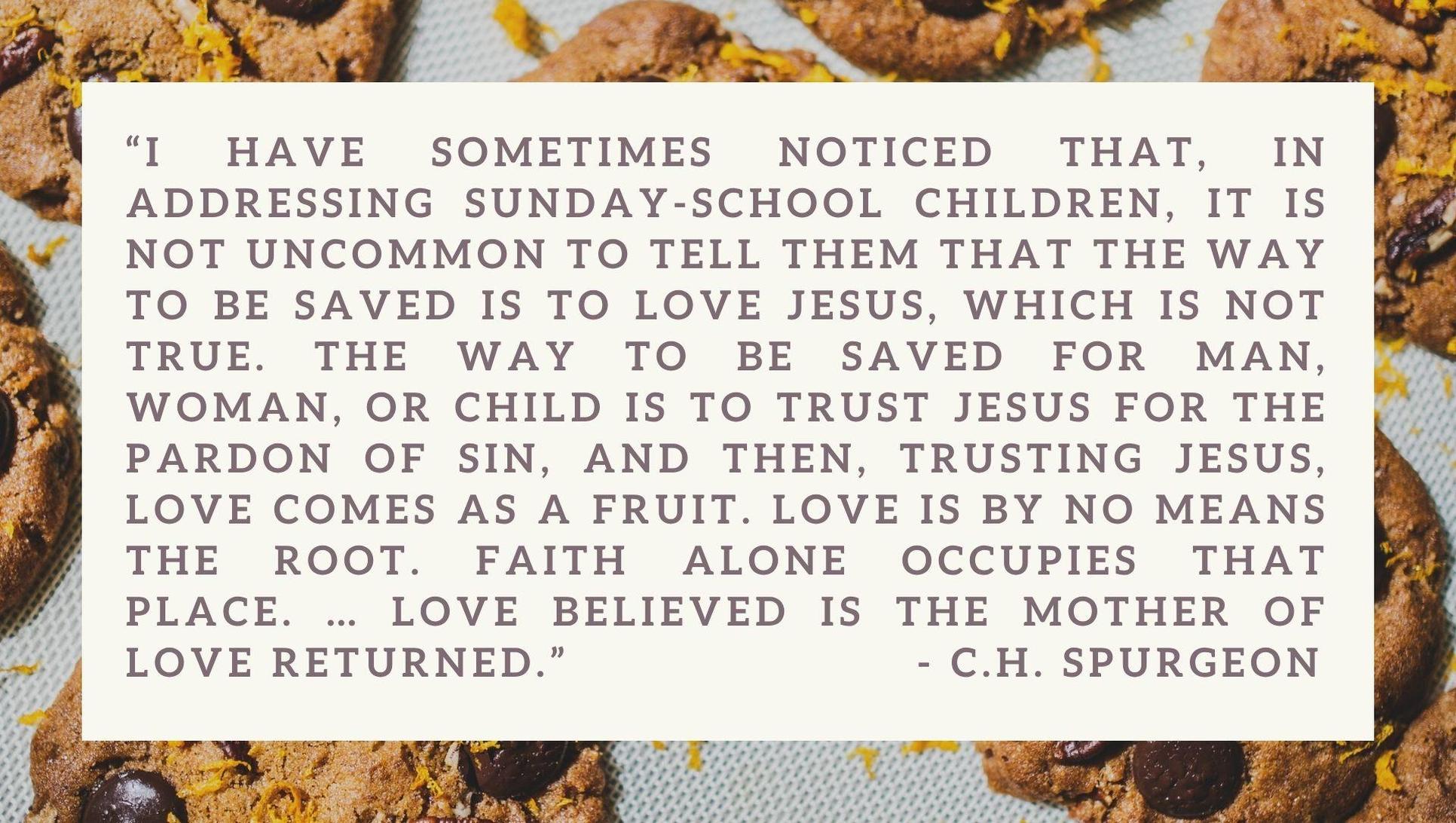
UNDERSTANDING THE ORDER OF LOVE

1 JOHN 4:10, 19 "10 IN THIS IS LOVE, NOT THAT WE HAVE LOVED GOD BUT THAT HE LOVED US AND SENT HIS SON TO BE THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS....19 WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US."



“JESUS LOVED YOU WHEN YOU LIVED CARELESSLY, WHEN YOU NEGLECTED HIS WORD, WHEN THE KNEE WAS UNBENT IN PRAYER. AH! HE LOVED SOME OF YOU WHEN YOU WERE IN THE DANCING SALOON, WHEN YOU WERE IN THE PLAYHOUSE, AY, EVEN WHEN YOU WERE IN THE BROTHEL. HE LOVED YOU WHEN YOU WERE AT HELL’S GATE, AND DRANK DAMNATION AT EVERY DRAUGHT. HE LOVED YOU WHEN YOU COULD NOT HAVE BEEN WORSE OR FURTHER FROM HIM THAN YOU WERE. MARVELLOUS, O CHRIST, IS THY STRANGE LOVE! ... EVERY MAN THAT EVER WAS SAVED HAD TO COME TO GOD NOT AS A LOVER OF GOD, BUT AS A SINNER, AND THEN BELIEVE IN GOD’S LOVE TO HIM AS A SINNER.”

- C.H. SPURGEON



“I HAVE SOMETIMES NOTICED THAT, IN ADDRESSING SUNDAY-SCHOOL CHILDREN, IT IS NOT UNCOMMON TO TELL THEM THAT THE WAY TO BE SAVED IS TO LOVE JESUS, WHICH IS NOT TRUE. THE WAY TO BE SAVED FOR MAN, WOMAN, OR CHILD IS TO TRUST JESUS FOR THE PARDON OF SIN, AND THEN, TRUSTING JESUS, LOVE COMES AS A FRUIT. LOVE IS BY NO MEANS THE ROOT. FAITH ALONE OCCUPIES THAT PLACE. ... LOVE BELIEVED IS THE MOTHER OF LOVE RETURNED.”

- C.H. SPURGEON



GOD LOVES ME →
I LOVE GOD →
I LOVE MYSELF & OTHERS



**“LOVE! AND DO
WHAT YOU WILL.”
-ST. AUGUSTINE**



APPLYING THE ORDER OF LOVE

“THE REASON FOR OUR LOVE IS FOUND IN
FREE GRACE. GOD FIRST LOVED US, AND NOW
WE MUST LOVE HIM; WE CANNOT HELP IT. IT
SOMETIMES SEEMS TOO MUCH FOR A POOR
SINNER TO TALK ABOUT LOVING GOD...”

-C.H. SPURGEON

OUR SPIRITUAL **IDENTITY** COMES FROM
KNOWING WE ARE LOVED



OUR **ABILITY** TO LOVE IS DIRECTLY
CORRELATED WITH OUR RELATIONSHIP TO GOD

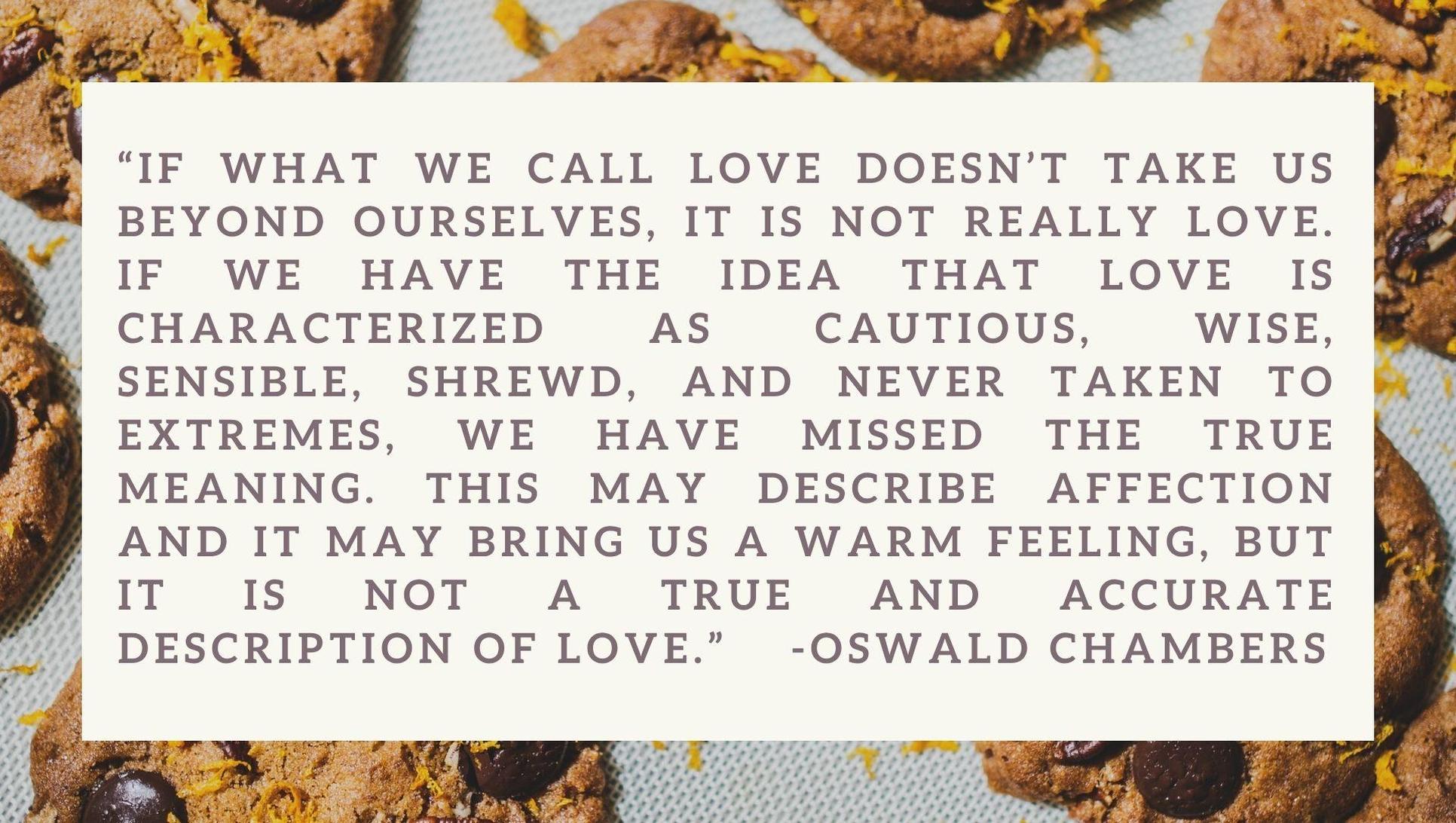


FAITH - IN ONE SENSE - IS ACCEPTING
GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU

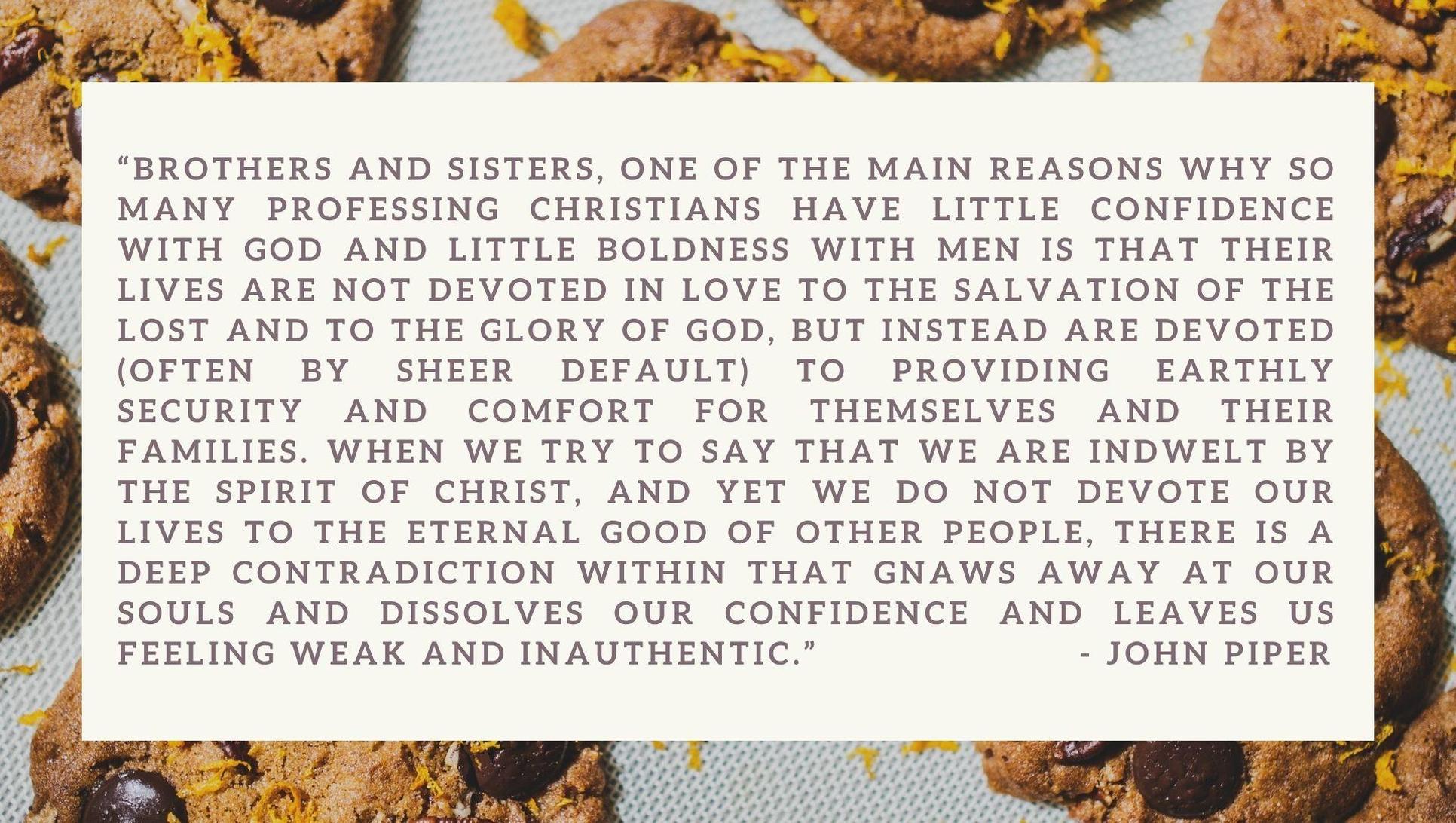


OUR LOVE FOR OTHERS REMAINS
ROOTED
IN OUR LOVE FOR GOD BECAUSE
WE ARE LOVED BY GOD





“IF WHAT WE CALL LOVE DOESN'T TAKE US BEYOND OURSELVES, IT IS NOT REALLY LOVE. IF WE HAVE THE IDEA THAT LOVE IS CHARACTERIZED AS CAUTIOUS, WISE, SENSIBLE, SHREWD, AND NEVER TAKEN TO EXTREMES, WE HAVE MISSED THE TRUE MEANING. THIS MAY DESCRIBE AFFECTION AND IT MAY BRING US A WARM FEELING, BUT IT IS NOT A TRUE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF LOVE.” -OSWALD CHAMBERS



“BROTHERS AND SISTERS, ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS WHY SO MANY PROFESSING CHRISTIANS HAVE LITTLE CONFIDENCE WITH GOD AND LITTLE BOLDNESS WITH MEN IS THAT THEIR LIVES ARE NOT DEVOTED IN LOVE TO THE SALVATION OF THE LOST AND TO THE GLORY OF GOD, BUT INSTEAD ARE DEVOTED (OFTEN BY SHEER DEFAULT) TO PROVIDING EARTHLY SECURITY AND COMFORT FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. WHEN WE TRY TO SAY THAT WE ARE INDWELT BY THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST, AND YET WE DO NOT DEVOTE OUR LIVES TO THE ETERNAL GOOD OF OTHER PEOPLE, THERE IS A DEEP CONTRADICTION WITHIN THAT GNAWS AWAY AT OUR SOULS AND DISSOLVES OUR CONFIDENCE AND LEAVES US FEELING WEAK AND INAUTHENTIC.”

- JOHN PIPER