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# The Jerusalem Offering

- Caused by the influx of new believers from Pentecost
- Caused by massive persecution for the Gospel
- Caused by harsh economic conditions by the Romans

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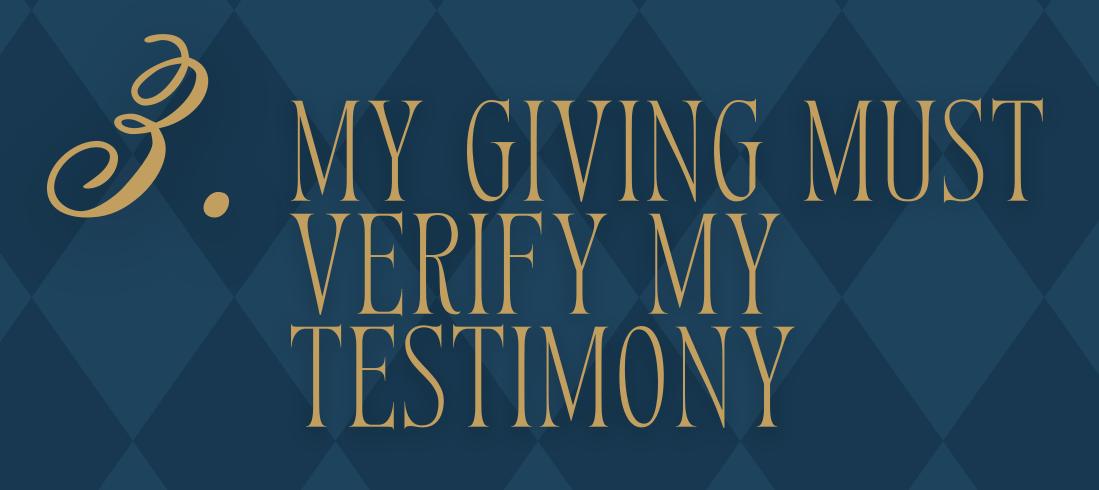


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But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

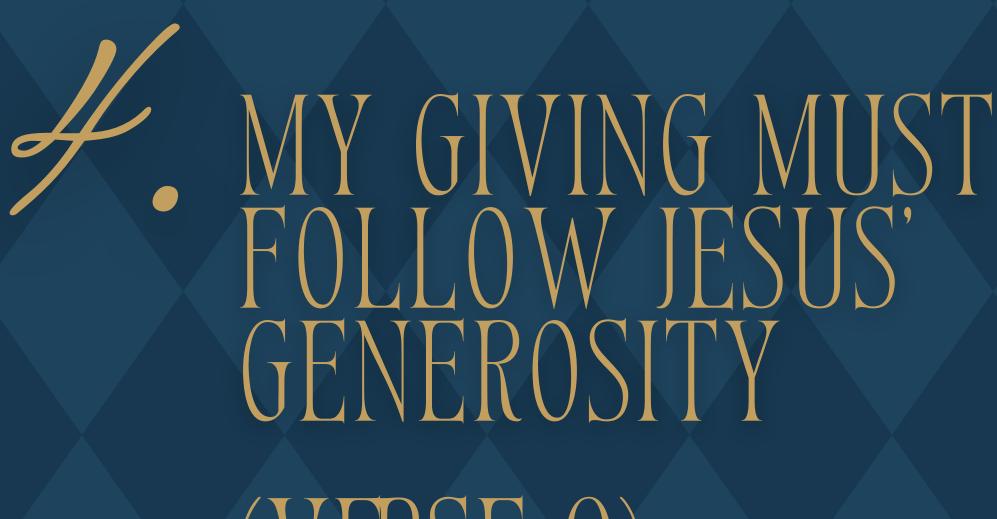
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He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Hebrews 1:3



And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

John 17:5



And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14



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- 1. What influences have been shaping my giving habits?
- 2. How will I make conversations about finances a normal and healthy part of my discipleship relationships?
- When this season will I intentionally look to Christ to ignite joy in my giving?