

A dramatic illustration of a dove, the symbol of the Holy Spirit, rendered as a bright, fiery bird with wings spread wide. The dove is set against a dark, gothic-style cathedral interior with high vaulted ceilings and intricate architectural details. The overall atmosphere is one of divine fire and light.

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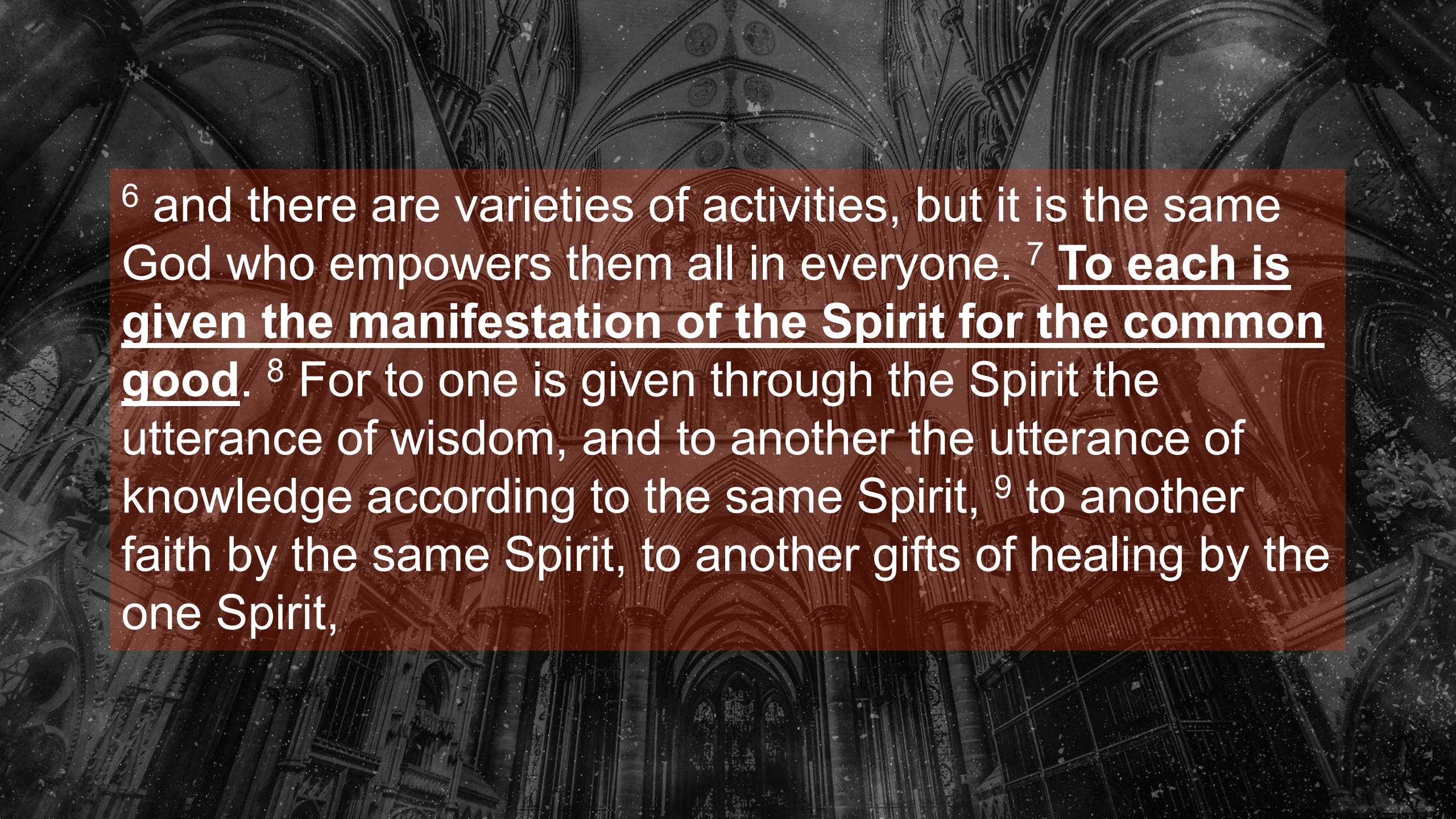


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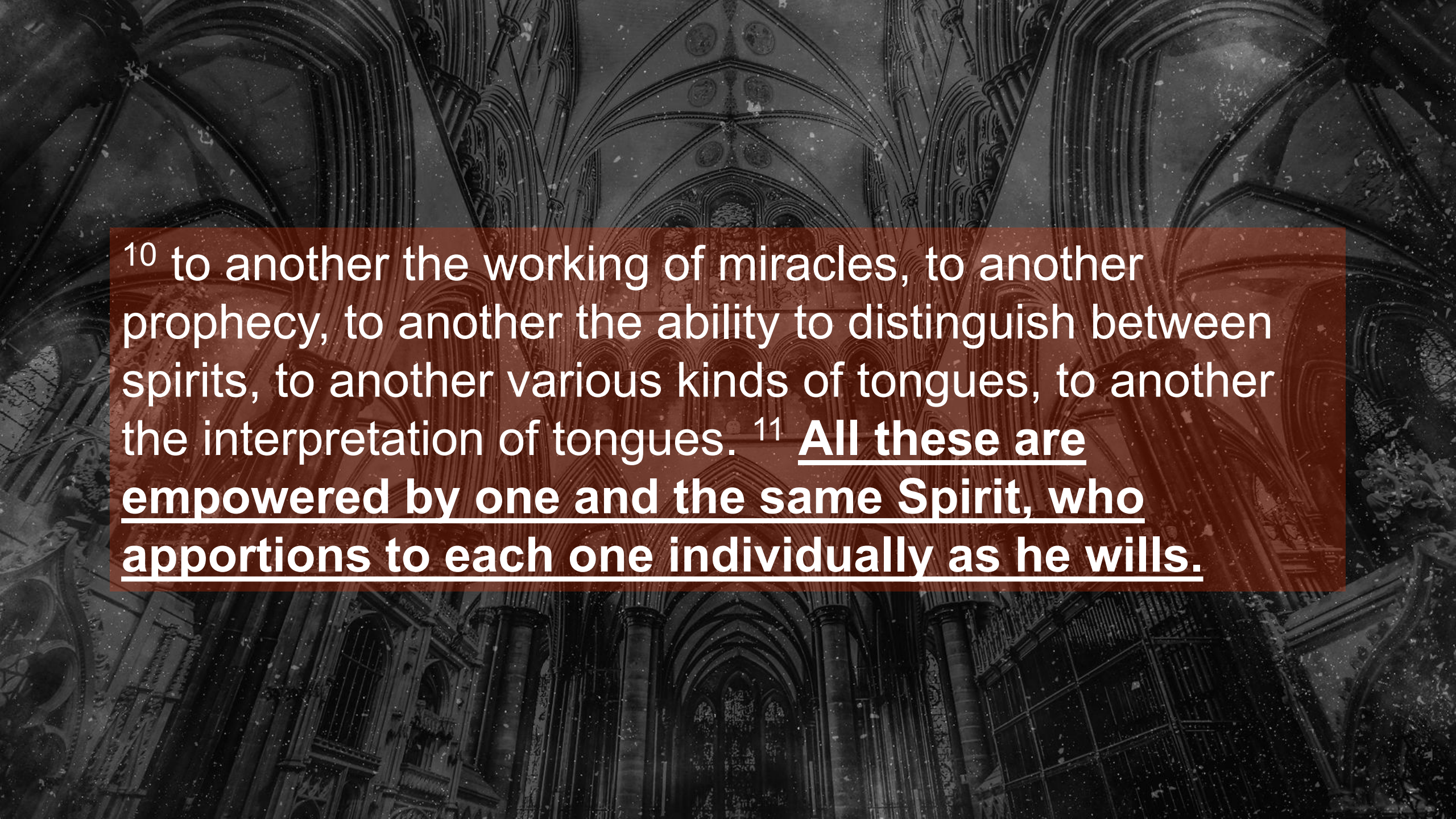
PURSUING THE MOST HELPFUL GIFTS

1 Corinthians 12:1–11 ESV

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;



⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,



¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

1 Corinthians 12:27–31a ESV

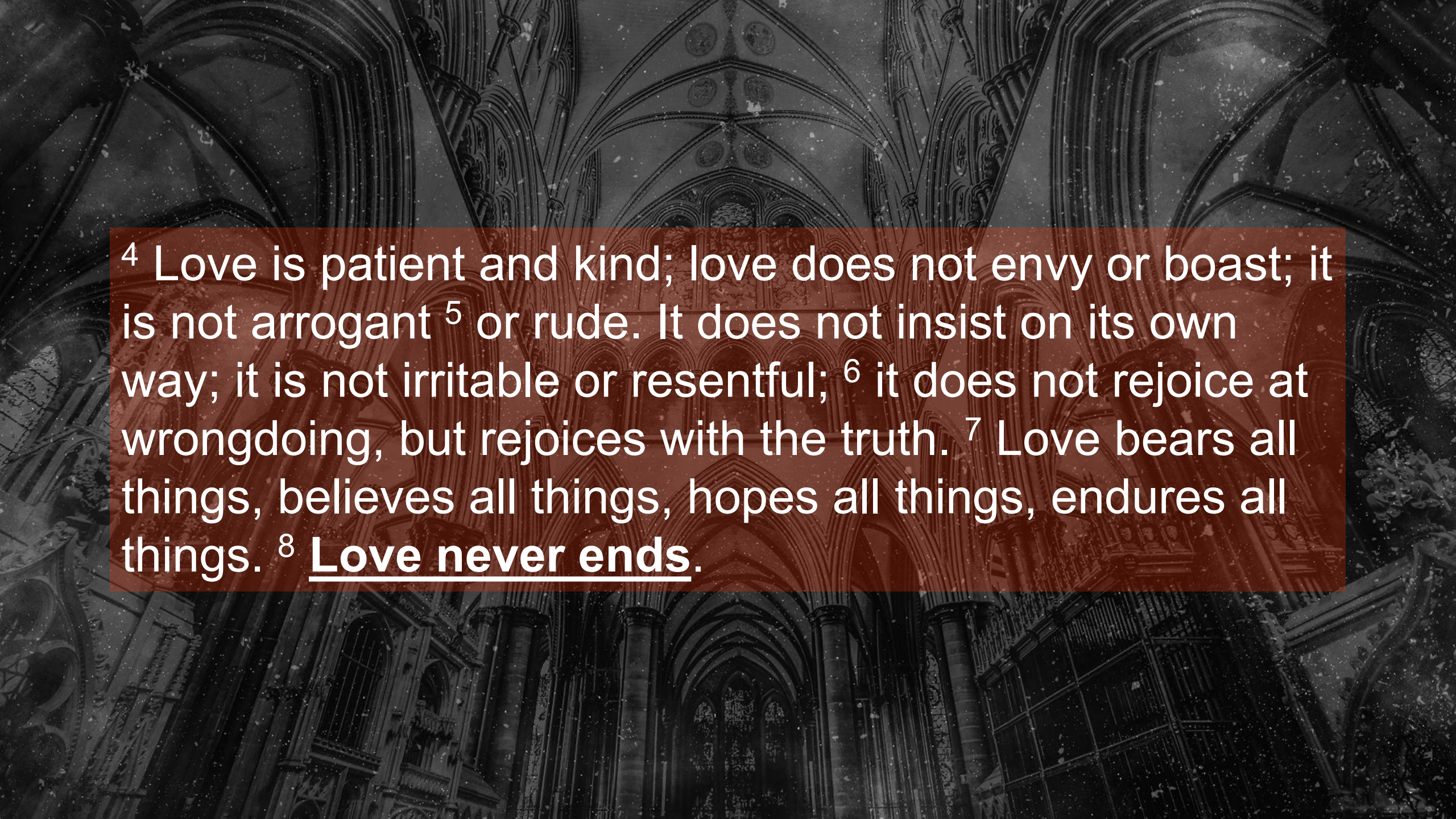
²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the higher gifts. **And I will show you a still more excellent way.**

1 Corinthians 13:1–8 ESV

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.



⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends.



1 Corinthians 14:1 ESV

¹ Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.

A dramatic, low-angle view of a dark, gothic cathedral interior. The architecture is intricate, with high vaulted ceilings and pointed arches. In the center, a large, glowing, flame-like dove is depicted, symbolizing the Holy Spirit. The dove is rendered in vibrant orange and yellow flames, with its wings spread wide. The overall atmosphere is dark and mysterious, with a few small white specks scattered throughout, possibly representing dust or light particles.

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Administration	1 Corinthians 12:28
Apostleship/Apostles	1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11
Discernment/Discerning of Spirits	1 Corinthians 12:10
Encouragement/Exhortation	Romans 12:8
Evangelism/Evangelists	Ephesians 4:11
Faith	1 Corinthians 12:9
Gifts of Healing	1 Corinthians 12:9; 1 Corinthians 12:28
Giving/Generosity	Romans 12:8
Interpretation of Tongues	1 Corinthians 12:10
Leadership	Romans 12:8

Mercy	Romans 12:8
Pastor/Shepherd	Ephesians 4:11
Prophets/Prophecy	Romans 12:6; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 12:28; Ephesians 4:11
Serving/Helps	Romans 12:7; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 12:28
Speaking Gifts	1 Peter 4:11
Teaching	Romans 12:7; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 1 Peter 4:11
Various Kinds of Tongues	1 Corinthians 12:10, 12:28
Word of Knowledge	1 Corinthians 12:8
Word of Wisdom	1 Corinthians 12:8
Working of Miracles	1 Corinthians 12:10, 12:28

1 Corinthians 12:31 ESV

31a But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:31 NLT

31a So you should earnestly desire the most helpful gifts.



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