

A wooden heart with a burlap cross on a dark wood background. The heart is made of light-colored wood and has a dark outline. The cross is made of burlap fabric and is positioned on the right side of the heart. The background is a dark, textured wood surface.

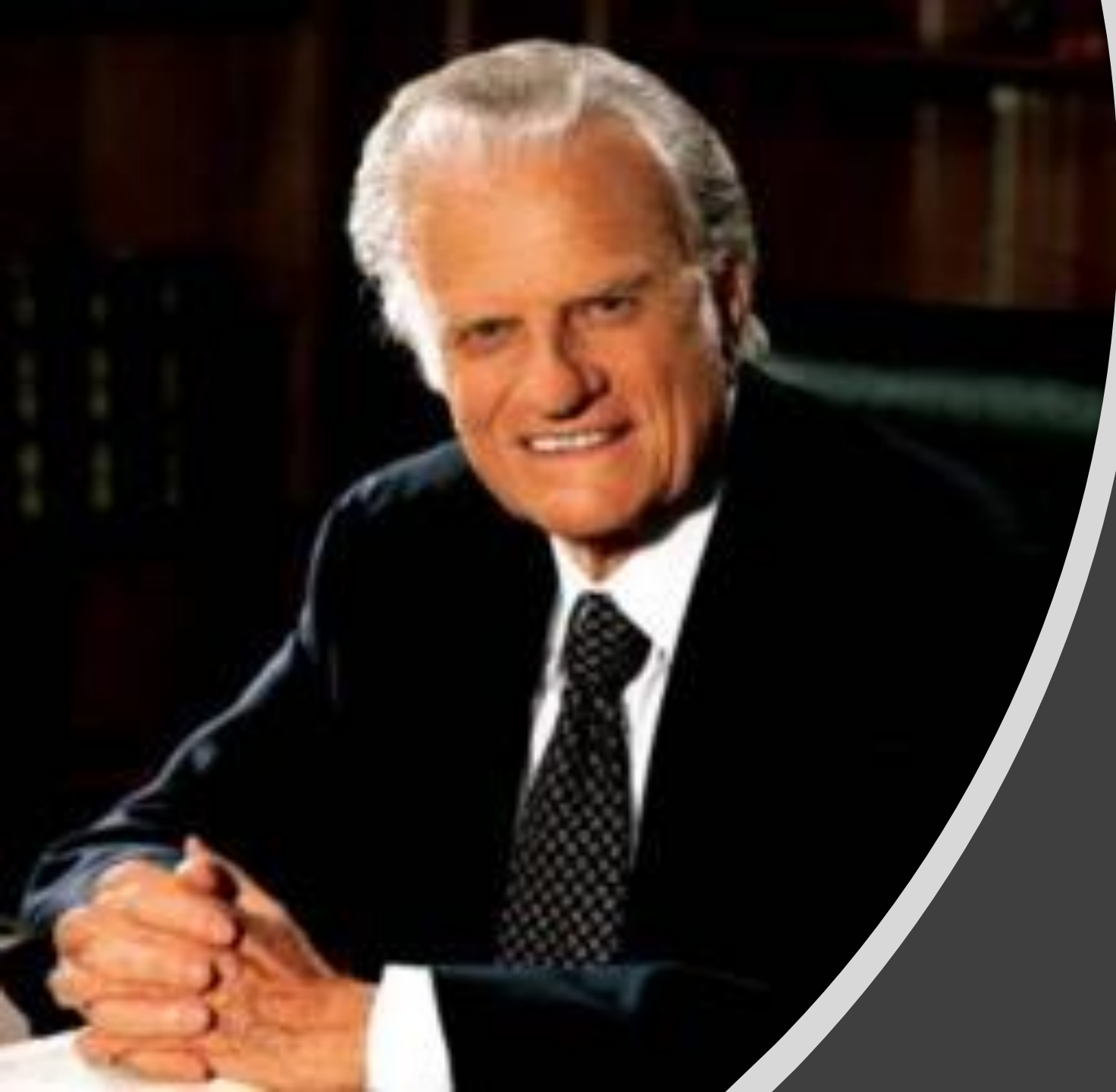
Summer of Love

A Study of 1 Corinthians 13

1. Desire Gifts & Desire Better

“Now eagerly desire all the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.”





“Agape love is selfless love...the love God wants us to have isn’t just an emotion but a conscious act of the will – a deliberate decision on our part to put others ahead of ourselves. This is the kind of love God has for us.”

– Billy Graham

2. Love Gives Purpose

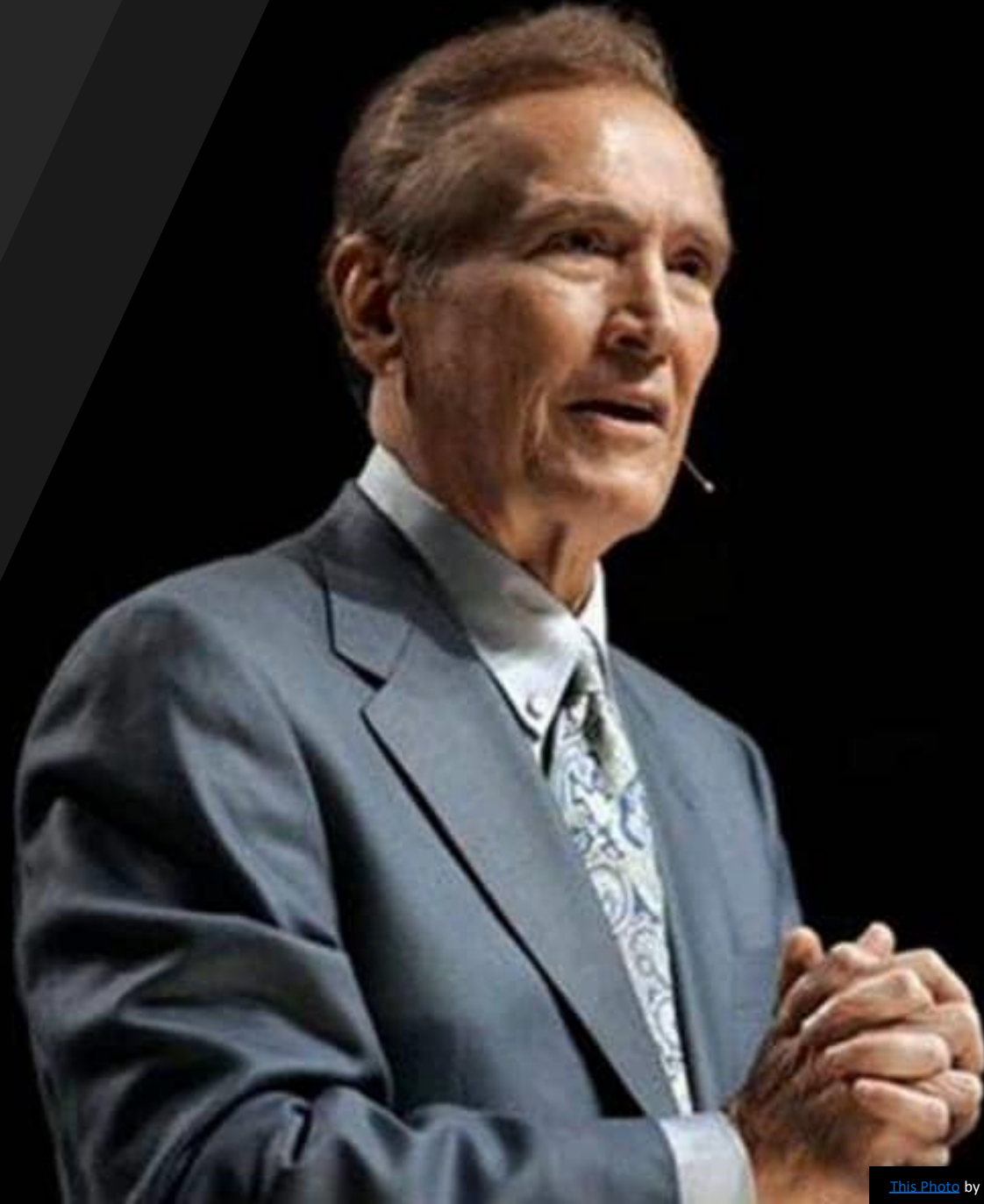
“If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.”

1 Corinthians 13:1



“A Christian with
a glowing witness
is worth a library
full of
arguments.”

– Adrian Rogers



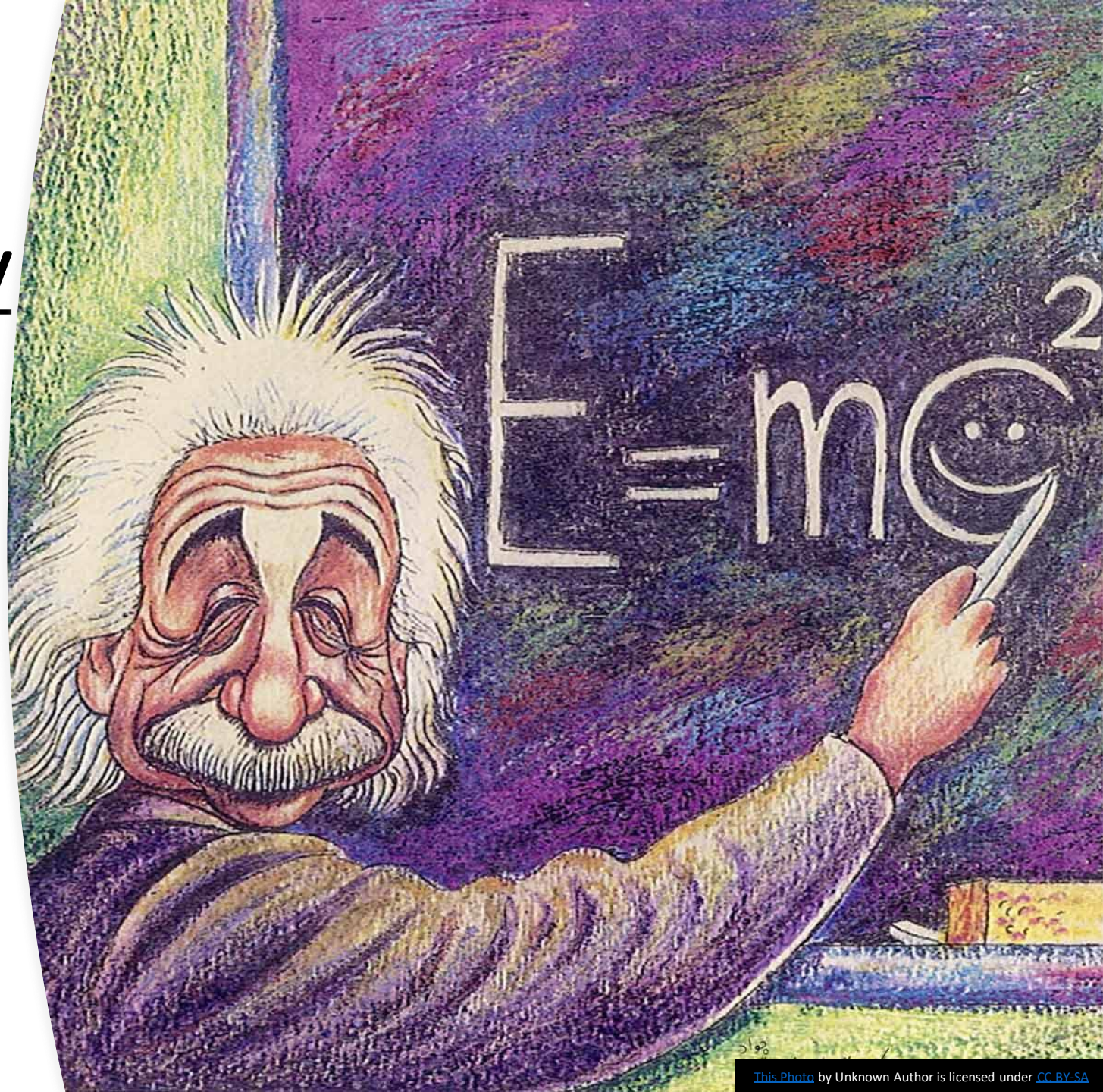
“They love a fellow over there.” – Boy invited to another church



3. Love Gives Identity

“If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.”

1 Corinthians 13:2



“Love is the birthmark
of the Christian.
Without the birthmark
of love, other people
really don’t know who
you are.” – Tony Evans





“Love is the strongest force in the world, and when it is blocked, that means pain. There are two things you can do when this happens: We can kill the love so that it stops hurting. But then, of course, part of us dies too. Or we can ask God to open up another route for that love to travel.”

– Corrie Ten Boom

4. Love is Great Gain

“If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.”

1 Corinthians 13:3



“As to the harsh judgments of the world, or the more painful misunderstandings of Christian brethren, I generally feel that the best plan is to go on with our work and leave God to vindicate our cause.”

– Maria Dyer Hudson