

A statue of Moses, depicted with a long, curly beard and wearing a robe, holding a large stone tablet inscribed with the Ten Commandments. The statue is set against a dark, textured background.

The First Law

Deuteronomy 5-11

Going straight for the heart

**"Hear O Israel: The LORD our God,
the LORD is one. Love the LORD
your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all
your strength."**

Deuteronomy 6:4-5





Worth loving?

He hasn't asked for what he
hasn't given

"Do not say to yourself, 'The LORD brought me in to take possession of this land because of my righteousness.' ... You are not going to take possession of their land because of your righteousness or your integrity ... Understand that the LORD your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stiff-necked people."

Deuteronomy 9:4-6

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"We love because he first loved us."
1 John 4:19



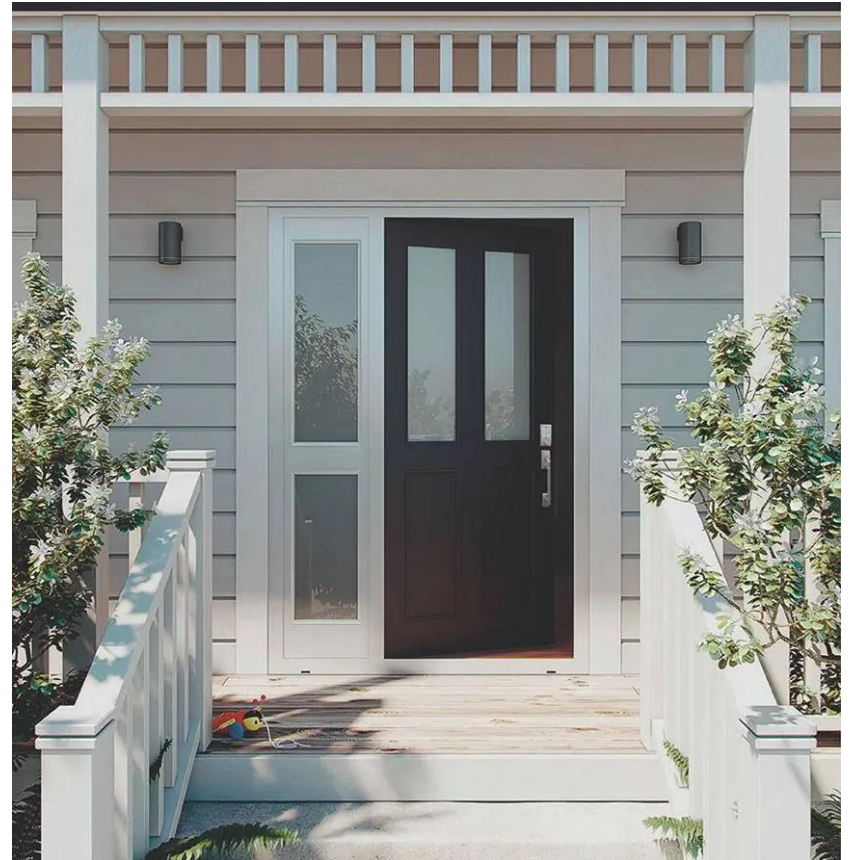
Love =
Law?

Love =
loyalty



"These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your city gates."

— Deuteronomy 6:6–9



Love =
a daily
act



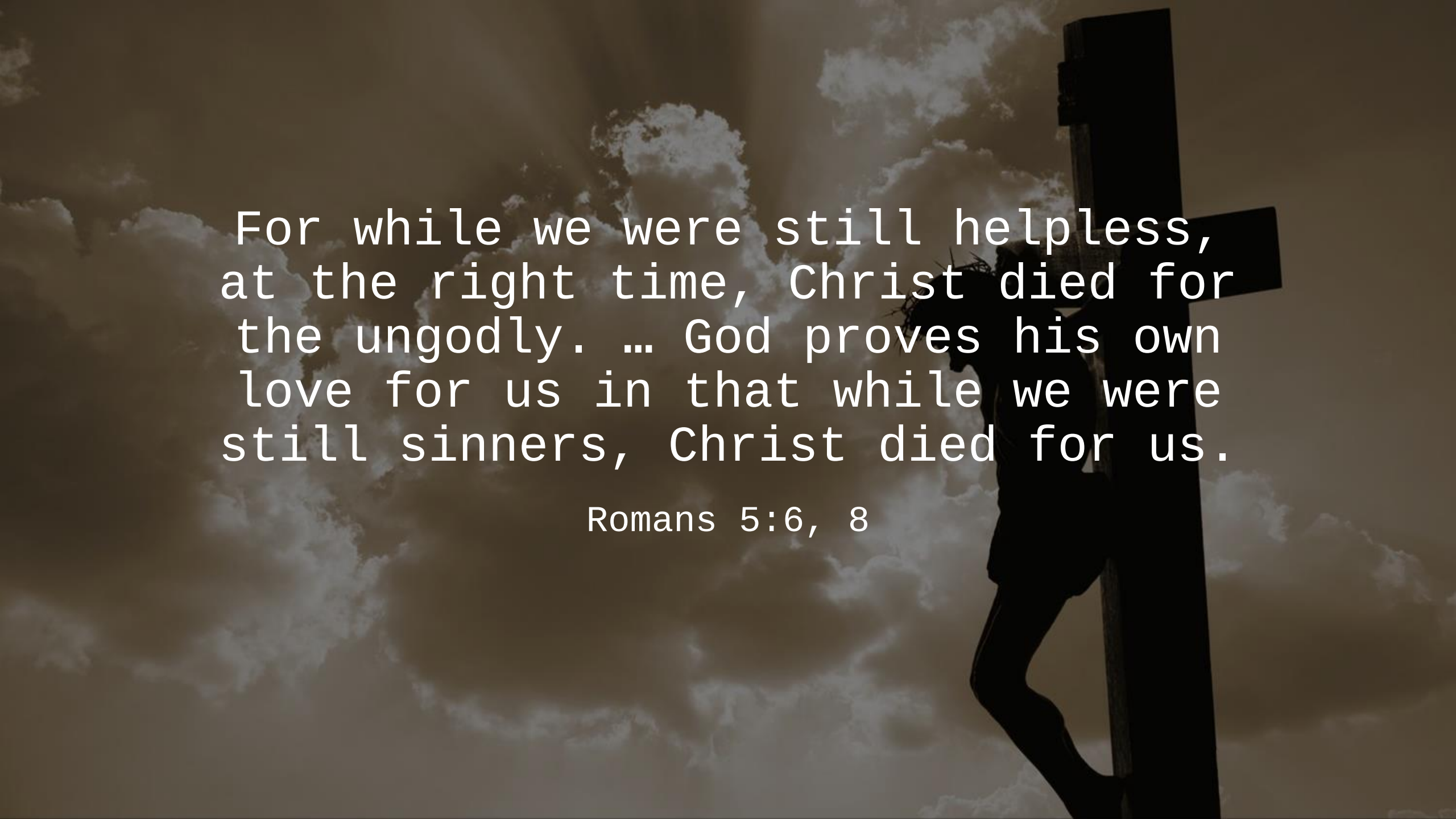
The enemy of love

"When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that he would give you — a land with large and beautiful cities that you did not build, houses full of every good thing that you did not fill them with, cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant — and when you eat and are satisfied, be careful not to forget the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery."

— Deuteronomy 6:10–12

Worthless
substitute
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A silhouette of Jesus Christ on the cross is positioned on the right side of the image. The background is a dramatic sky with large, white, billowing clouds against a darker, overcast upper portion. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

For while we were still helpless,
at the right time, Christ died for
the ungodly. ... God proves his own
love for us in that while we were
still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:6, 8