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**Our enmity was put to death  
in the death of Christ.**

# Justification

**Declared  
Exoneration**

**Declared  
Unification**



# Sanctification

**Developed  
Godliness**

**Developed  
Solidarity**

Galatians 5:24

Ephesians 2:16



# Sanctification: The only conquest in Christ

**Developed  
Godliness**



**Galatians 5:2**

**Developed  
Solidarity**



**Ephesians 2:16**





**"I love you. I would rather  
die than hate you."**



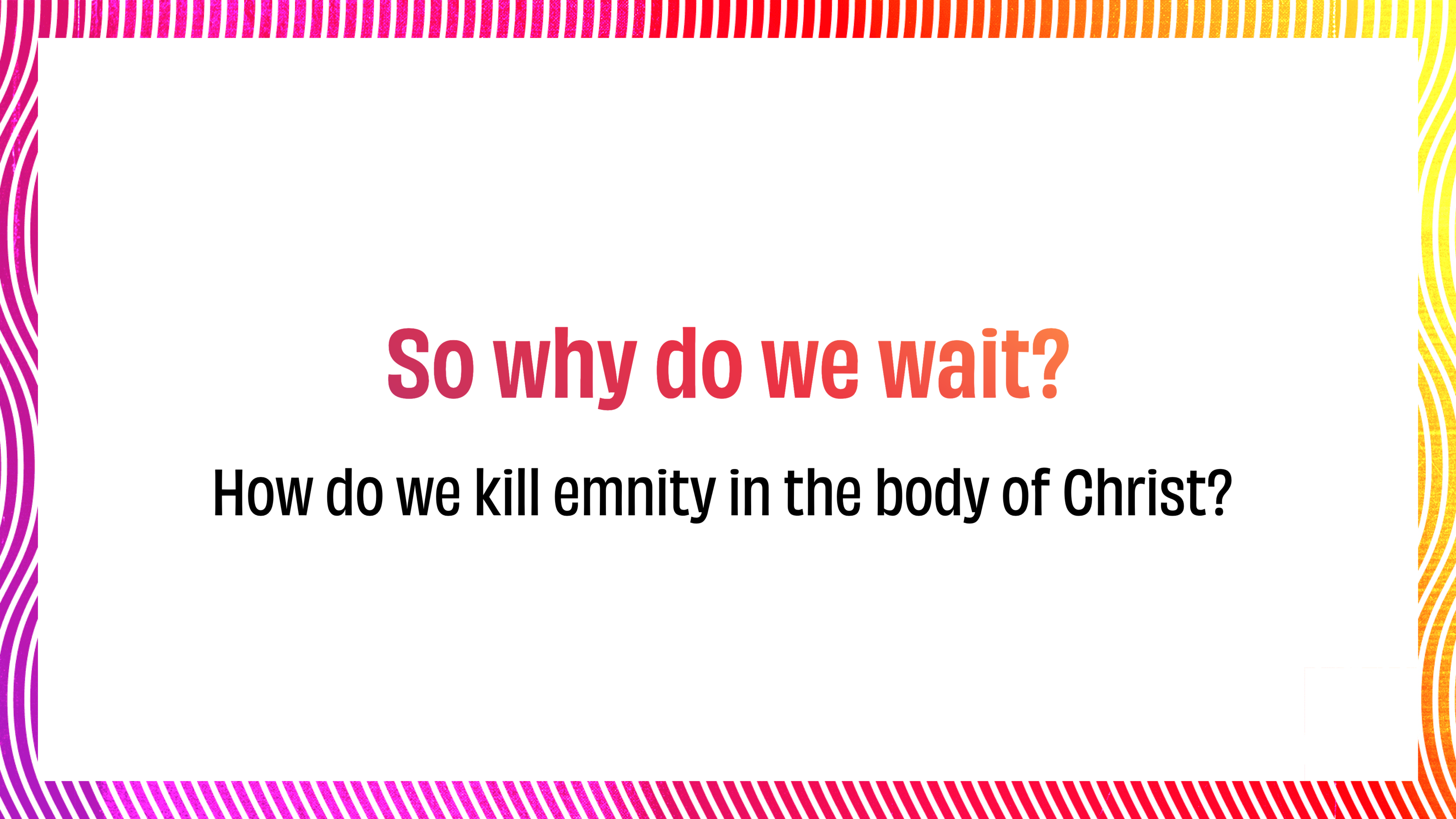
**I might refute your ideas**

**I might oppose your policy commitments**

**I might resist a system you respect**







**So why do we wait?**

**How do we kill enmity in the body of Christ?**



**1. We can't reflexively accept the  
world's enmity**



## **Matthew 5:43 – 45**

**"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."**

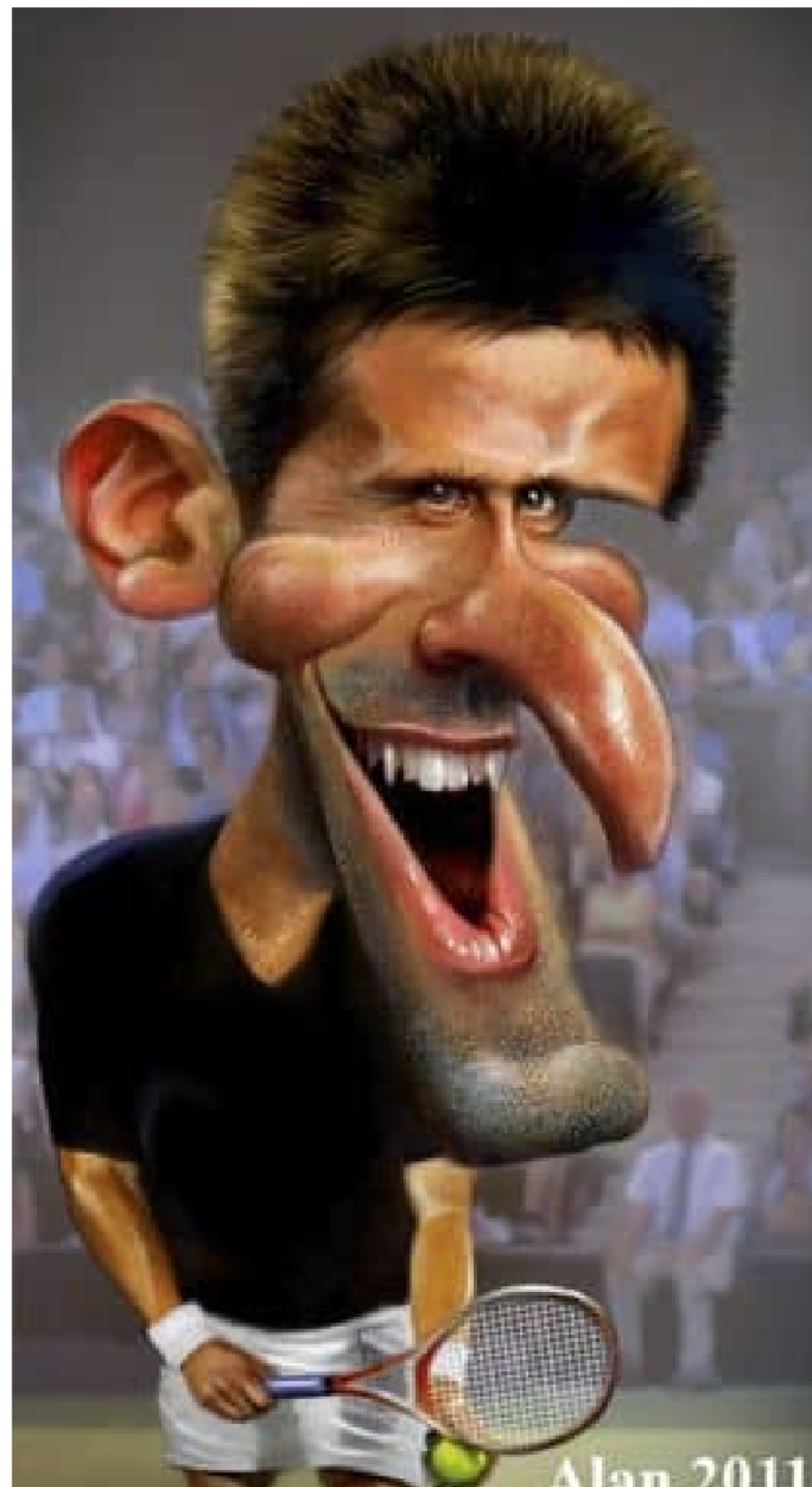




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world's enmity**



# We crave caricatures rather than pursuing portraits





## Mike Woodruff:

**"According to a recent survey, 81 percent of Republicans say the Democratic Party has been taken over by socialists, while 78 percent of Democrats say the Republican Party has been taken over by racists." Think of the party you agree with more—is that true of your party? No? So do you think that maybe the opposite isn't true either?**





# Descent into Enmity

**1. Superiority/conceit**

**2. Separation**

**3. Caricature**

**4. Soft oppression/marginalization**

**5. Hard oppression/violence**





**2. We can't fight evil without  
reforming the good.**

**Evil takes those who give up on the good.**



# Proverbs 29:18

**Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but he who keeps watch of the Law is blessed."**





**3. We have to show up.**



**Kira Davis**



**"Good or bad, influence goes to those who show up."**





**"Right when you can triumph over them is the very  
moment that you must not."**

**MLK, *Love Your Enemies*, 1957**



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