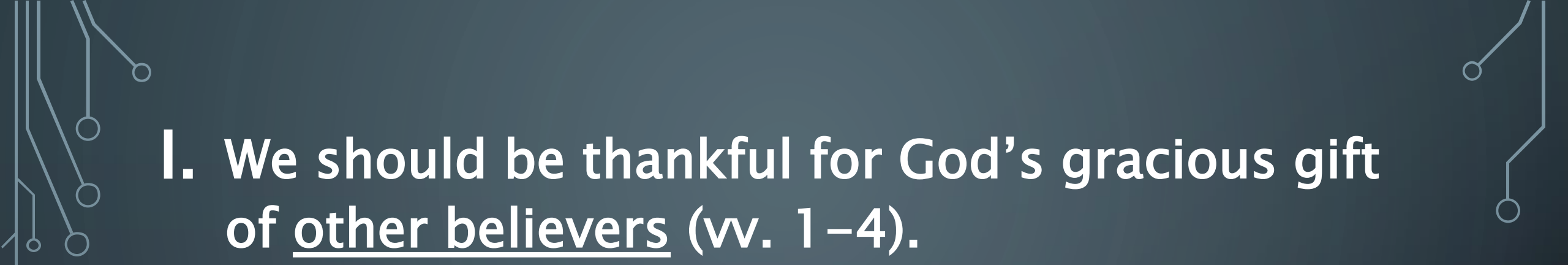




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I. We should be thankful for God's gracious gift of other believers (vv. 1-4).

A. You show your thankfulness for others by praying for them (vv. 1-2).

B. You show your thankfulness for others by recognizing God's work (vv. 3-4).



**II. We should be thankful for God's gracious gift of a faithful testimony (vv. 5–8).**

**A. God uses a faithful testimony to work in the hearts of the lost (v. 5).**

**B. The Holy Spirit works in hearts despite persecution (v. 6).**

**C. God uses a faithful testimony across the miles (vv. 7–8).**

**III. We should be thankful for God's gracious gift of strength to live (vv. 9–10).**

**A. God's strength helps us to have a far-reaching testimony (v. 9).**

**B. God's strength helps us to wait for the return of Christ (v. 10).**



**Conclusion:**

**Are you thankful to God for salvation through Christ?**

**Are you thankful to God for the gift of fellow believers?**

**Are you thankful to God for the grace to faithfully serve?**

