

# The WAY (thus far)...

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## LOVE

Jesus identified the greatest of God's commandments:

L \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_, L \_\_\_\_\_ your N \_\_\_\_\_ as Y \_\_\_\_\_.

We L \_\_\_\_\_ because God first L \_\_\_\_\_ U \_\_\_\_\_. (1 John 4:19)

We know this primarily because of two things:

1. God's good C \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 1) established in harmony and order.

G \_\_\_\_\_  
↓ in D \_\_\_\_\_ over...

M \_\_\_\_\_  
↓ in D \_\_\_\_\_ over...

C \_\_\_\_\_

When we mess with this order, we commit I \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e., we put something else before G \_\_\_\_\_).

2. But God is J \_\_\_\_\_ and M \_\_\_\_\_ so he doesn't let us off easy, but he does provide a way.

He sent his S \_\_\_\_\_ to die for us to take our P \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 5:8) and by his death, we are saved through God's M \_\_\_\_\_ from the P \_\_\_\_\_ that God's J \_\_\_\_\_ demands (Romans 6:23).

We need merely R \_\_\_\_\_ in F \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Because we are C \_\_\_\_\_ in God's I \_\_\_\_\_ ( I \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ ) (Genesis 1:26) and so is everyone else, our proper response to this kind of love is to L \_\_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_\_ - "pay it forward" so to speak.

This is displayed in C \_\_\_\_\_ with other C \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 2:42-47) and O \_\_\_\_\_ to those far from G \_\_\_\_\_ (the woman at the well, the good Samaritan, the lost sheep, etc).

Christian C \_\_\_\_\_ should look like a F \_\_\_\_\_, but not a dysfunctional human F \_\_\_\_\_, but rather as God intended as a vehicle for A \_\_\_\_\_ and R \_\_\_\_\_ and U \_\_\_\_\_.