

# The Narrow Way

## THE NARROW WAY PART 8 - WORKS OF GOD PT 2

Last week in part 7, we looked at the first work of God, which is 'to believe'. To have and carry ongoing living convictions through spiritual revelation of who Jesus is and the words He speaks which are spirit and life.

We said this work of believing is a result or outcome of having a deep fellowship with Jesus through our living relationship with Him.

In part 8 we are going to discuss the first tangible expression or demonstration of the work of God, which comes from this work of believe. This work is an expression or demonstration of eternal love to God and our neighbour, knowing our neighbour is all of humanity.

***Mark 12:28-31 One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."***

This is an extremely narrow way as one can not keep this command of love, unless one has received this eternal love, through the divine impartation of God's power. This is also not to be a one-off reality but an ongoing work of the Holy Spirit to perfect His love in us.

***Ephesians 3:14-19 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.***



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***1 John 2:5 but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:***

Unless Jesus is making the Father's name known within us through the revelation of the Spirit,

***John 17:26 "and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."***

we will have no reference for this kind of incorruptible love and be unable to keep His commandment.

What is it to have Jesus' name made known so that the love with which the Father loves the Son, is in us?

Why would we be concerned and prioritise any other works for God above this one, especially if we are unable to keep His very first command? To not be able to keep the command of love is to not know love and to not know love, is to not know God, and if we don't know God, then we don't know life.

***1 Corinthians 8:3 but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him.***

This becomes highly confronting, and it needs to be to awaken us out of our spiritual sleepy state of believing we are all ok, because we say we believe in God.

Things can't become any clearer than this.

***1 John 4:8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.***

There can be no excuses for being unable to demonstrate this love, because God has given us everything for life and godliness. We must seek Him, fix our eyes on Him and allow Him to do all that is required, in our hearts, to bring us in the reality of life in Him.



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It is this and this alone which enables us to live out this love command and do the second work of God.

The attributes of this love can be found in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. If we have these attributes in us and find that they are forever being perfected and growing, then we know that we have His love in us and will be able to demonstrate this love when it is required.

***Luke 7:35 "Yet wisdom is vindicated by all her children."***

## **QUESTIONS**

1. Why is being able to keep the commandment of God essential?
2. How does one have His love imparted within them?
3. How does one know without any doubt that they have this love in them?
4. Why do followers stay in this spiritual sleepy state when this kind of Word is proclaimed?
5. How confronting do you find this resource and why?

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