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THE NARROW WAY PART 9 - WORKS OF GOD PT 3

For part 9 I am going to unpack the very first question I asked us in part 8, which was;

Q. Why is being able to keep the commandment of God essential for every follower of Jesus Christ?

The answer is simple while being profoundly deep and powerful.

Because we are in a marriage Covenant with Christ!

Whether we know it or not, the day we received Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour we entered into a marriage Covenant with Him. We entered into a covenant to be faithful and obedient to Christ and Christ alone. We entered into a covenant of marriage between the Son and His church.

To not love Jesus with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength, loving self and others more, is to break covenant through spiritual adultery, playing the harlot with whoever or whatever we are loving more.

The whoever can be ourselves, our spouse, a child, a parent. It can be grandparents or friends. In other words, any individual other than Christ.

The whatever can be possessions, property, other passions, and yes even ministry for Christ. No matter who it is or what it is, if we love them more than Jesus, not only are we not worthy of Jesus as Scripture says, but we are also playing the harlot and committing spiritual adultery.

Matthew 10:37 "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me."

A covenant is not a contract or a verbal agreement. A covenant is a promise which is instigated by death, and it was the death and resurrection of Christ, which establishes this



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covenant with us, making it unbreakable. This is the love or marriage covenant Christ has made with us and He looks for our response to this covenant.

God loves us with all He is and the sacrifice of His Son's life that we may know life, is the key proof of who He is - Love. He then imparts Himself (Love), deep in our inner most being through the power of His Spirit, empowering us to love Him back the way He loves us.

Romans 5:5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Ephesians 3:16-19 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.

Paul says, "Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with incorruptible love" (Ephesians 6:24). In being able to love Jesus Christ with this incorruptible love, one is able to keep the first commandment of our marriage covenant with Christ. One can not keep this commandment if one hasn't received His love in them.

It's not about whether God loves us, but whether we actually love Him the way He has instructed us to love Him. If we can't love Him the way He instructs, then we can't love others and keep the second commandment of God. This leaves us in a predicament of not being able to do the very thing we are commanded to do.

Where do we go from here?

What we don't do is ignore this or justify this truth away, looking to find what we can do and pursue this. We turn to Him with our broken spirit and contrite heart, and we lose our life unto Him for His sake, to gain a brand-new life in Christ.



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It's that simple, while being all the more powerful.

Keeping this love commandment, both to love God and our neighbour, is the second work of God to all those who believe, proving you are in Him and living as His bride.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is being able to keep the commandment of God essential for every follower of Jesus Christ?
2. Why is the losing of our lives for His sake and receiving the impartation of Love within us so vital?
3. Why is covenant greater than anything else?
4. What happens if we ignore this truth and just do what we can do?
5. What is your life saying about your love for Him?

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