

LOVE ~ in review

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 _____.

answer key:

love god, love / neighbor / yourself / love / loved us

creation / God / dominion / man / dominion / creation / idolatry / God

just / merciful / Son / place / mercy / punishment / justice / respond / faith

created / image / imago dei / love others / community / Christians / outreach / God

community / family / family / accountability / restoration / unity