



Love Starts Here Part 1 Behind the Cross

THE “WHY” OF THE CROSS:

Luke 19:10 “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

- Answer: “BECAUSE HE LOVES US!”
- We don’t naturally know how to love like this.
- He came for the LOST – NOT the found.

Romans 5:8; “But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”

- His LOVE exists before, during and after our failures. He JUST LOVES
- Loving others is tough business. Our temptation is to: conditionally love.

THE “WAY” OF THE CROSS:

John 14:6; “Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”

- The ‘WAY’ of the CROSS is the PERSON ON the cross.

Romans 5:9; “And since we have been made right in God’s sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God’s condemnation.”

Matt. 7:3 “Enter through the narrow gate. The gate is wide and the road is wide that leads to hell, and many people enter through that gate.¹⁴But the gate is small and the road is narrow that leads to true life. Only a few people find that road.”

- CHOOSE THE NARROW WAY.

THE “WALK” OF THE CROSS:

- The LIVING OUT our covenant relationship with THE GROOM.

Eph. 2:10; “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

- LOVE for Him keeps you walking out His plan for your life.

Ephesians 5:1-2; “Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

Walking with Jesus involves striving to imitate His character and love.

Would you say your life is an OFFERING to GOD?

The WHY of the CROSS is – un-explainable love.

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