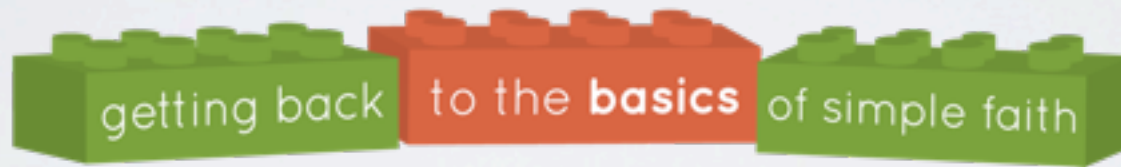


simplify



P A R T 2

Inspecting What We're Expecting







LOVE

unconditional,
unrelenting,
inexplicable love —
is the most
powerful force in
the universe.



GOD

is **LOVE**

I John 4:16

Lamentations 3:21-23

“Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

Matthew 22:37-40

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”



the **GREAT**
COMMANDMENT

A **JOB DESCRIPTION**
for Jesus' disciples

The **GOLD STANDARD** of a
growing spirituality

A one-word **SUMMATION**
of the whole Bible

“Love God and
do whatever
you please: for
the soul trained
in love to God
will do nothing
to offend the
One who is
Beloved.”

ST. AUGUSTINE



LOVE

is the truest
measurement of spiritual
growth

the Sixth MISCONCEPTION

**Spiritual growth is *mystical* and
invisible.**

The truth is, spiritual growth is measurable
and should be visible.

If you're not loving people,
then you've got a
love problem.

**Your love for God
is anemic!**

1 John 4:20-21 (MSG)

“If anyone boasts, “I love God,” and goes right on hating his brother or sister, thinking nothing of it, he is a liar. If he won’t love the person he can see, how can he love the God he can’t see? The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You’ve got to love both.”



Making Love Measurable

Make love a
decision



Making Love Measurable

Make love a
priority



Making Love Measurable

Make love
an action

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Making Love Measurable

Make love a
reason for
daily
gratitude



Making Love Measurable

Make your
life's ambition
to outdo
God's love



“With thee, O God,
there is no
disappointment; I
shall never have to
regret that I loved
thee too well.”

HENRY MARTYN

19TH CENTURY MISSIONARY



“I learned to live between steps.”



Today, love between the steps!