

A Message from the Moon

Recently, the world witnessed Artemis II's 252,756-mile journey around the moon and back. The pilot for Artemis II was Victor Glover.

Just before the Orion spacecraft experienced an anticipated 40-minute communications blackout on the far side of the moon, Glover shared a message with Earth's inhabitants:

"As we get close to the nearest point to the moon and farthest point from Earth — as we continue to unlock the mysteries of the cosmos — I would like to remind you of one of the most important mysteries there on Earth, and that's love. Christ said in response to what was the greatest command that it was to love God with all that you are. And he also, being a great teacher, said the second is equal to it, and that is to love your neighbor as yourself."

"And so, as we prepare to go out of radio communication, we're still able to feel your love from Earth. And to all of you down there on Earth and around Earth, we love you from the moon." *

Glover was quoting Matthew 22: ³⁵Then one of them, a lawyer, asked [Jesus] a question, testing Him, and saying, ³⁶'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?'"

³⁷Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Here is another message from the Creator of the Earth, the moon, and the cosmos to the citizens of Earth: "I love you."

How much does God love us?

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Our sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2) and places us in peril (Matthew 7:13-14). But God loves us so much that He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins (1 Corinthians 15:3-4) so that we can be reconciled to Him (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) and receive the gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23).

God will save and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 17:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31),

confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin and prepare for an eternal, heavenly home those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

What a poignant message from beyond the moon when Glover reminded us of the two greatest commands: to love God supremely and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Obedience to these commands should be in response to a message from beyond the moon – from the Creator – who says, “I love you and I want you to be my child and live with Me forever.”

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