

# BRIGHT STAR COMMUNITY CHURCH

**A STAR in the West Leading People to CHRIST**

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The image features a vibrant, abstract background composed of various colors including blue, green, red, and purple, with a textured, painterly appearance. Overlaid on this background is the text "This is love" written in a white, elegant cursive script. The word "This" is on the top line, "is" is on the middle line, and "love" is on the bottom line, all centered horizontally. The text has a slight shadow or glow effect, making it stand out against the busy background.

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changed everything.***

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Because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, we see the love of God.

When we look at Jesus, we can say,  
*“This is love.”*

*And if anyone is wondering what Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday is about it's about LOVE*

*All of this is About LOVE*

*This is love !*

***John 3:16-17***

***16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. "This is love."***

***Romans 5:8***

***8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners , Christ died for us. "This is love."***

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**The Bible's word  
for that is *sin*.**

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***“Simon Peter told them, ‘I’m going fishing.’ They said, ‘We’ll go with you.’ They set out in a boat, but throughout the night they caught nothing.” John 21:3 (CEB)***

## *This is love !*

You see, this is what shame does. Shame isolates us. It tells us we're the only ones. It says that our sin is uniquely disqualifying, that no one else has ever done anything quite like it. It makes us the exception in the worst way. We're the one person who can't be forgiven; we've done the one thing that cannot be set right; we've gone past the point of return; we've fallen too far.

**Shame tells us it's Game Over, The End Game.**

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And, in a sense, it's true. Sin *is* a dead end.

Or as the Bible puts it, “The wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23, ESV).

Shame—the kind that comes from actual guilt—is not a liar; it just tells us the story as it stands without Jesus.

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***“Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples didn’t realize it was Jesus. Jesus called to them, ‘Children, have you caught anything to eat?’ They answered him, ‘No.’ He said, ‘Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.’ So they did, and there were so many fish that they couldn’t haul in the net. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It’s the Lord!’ When Simon Peter heard it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked) and jumped into the water.”***

***John 21:4-7 (CEB)***

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When Jesus first called Peter, it was about a purpose: “Follow me and I’ll make you a fisher of men.”

This time, it was about a Person: “Peter, do you love me?”

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***“On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.’” John 20:19-23 (ESV)***

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***Because of the resurrection, sins can be forgiven!***

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**Think of it: Our sins—our missing the mark, our falling short, our transgressing and crossing of lines.....**

**All are forgiven because Jesus died and rose again.**

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