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1. God has a way, there is a way in which His love or Righteousness is revealed. Ps. 119:30, 32, 33, 37.
 - a. The way is perfect, is the word, and is a He. Ps. 18:30.
 - b. The way is for sinners, it is the paths of mercy (Grace) and Truth, and thus it is Christ. Ps. 25:8-10; Jn. 1:17.
 - c. The way in the Sanctuary is Christ in the Sanctuary. Ps. 77:13; (Heb. 6:19, 20).
 - d. The way is Truth – Christ. Ps. 86:11; Jn. 14:6.
 - e. This way is the way of holiness. Isa. 35:8.
 - f. The way of God is the pattern of Salvation. Eze. 18:23-29.
 - g. The way is a teaching (of Salvation). Acts. 18:25, 26; 2 Pet. 2:2, 1.
2. Christ is the way of God – the way Love is manifested. Jn. 14:6.
3. We must preach this Christ and Him crucified. 1 Cor. 2:2; Gal.3:1.
4. Mrs. White on the character of God.
 - a. “So the followers of Christ are to shed light into the darkness of the world. Through the Holy Spirit, God’s word is a light as it becomes a transforming power in the life of the receiver. By implanting in their hearts the principles of His word, the Holy Spirit develops in men the Attributes of God. The light of His glory—His character—is to shine forth in His followers. Thus they are to glorify God, to lighten the path to the Bridegroom’s home, to the city of God, to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

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This is the work outlined by the prophet Isaiah in the words, “O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.” Isaiah 40:9, 10.

Those who wait for the Bridegroom’s coming are to say to the people, “Behold your God!” The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love. The children of God are to manifest His glory. In their own life and character they are to reveal what the grace of God has done for them.

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5. What is Character? The sense we see about it is that it is shape or form, a particular feature or groove.
 - a. “...To scrape, cut, engrave... A mark made by cutting or engraving, as on stone, metal or other hard material; hence, a mark or figure made with a pen or style, on paper or other material used to contain writing; a letter, or figure used to form words, and communicate ideas... The manner of writing; the peculiar form of letters used by a particular person... The peculiar qualities, impressed by nature or habit on a person, which distinguish him from others; these constitute real character, and the qualities which he is supposed to possess, constitute his estimated character, or reputation...” **Noah Webster, American Dictionary of the English language, pg. 1828.**

6. The sense of a formation or shape of a groove.
 - a. "...To carve. The - ter suffix signifies agency, hence the word originally denoted an engraver or engraving tool. Later it meant the impression itself, usually something engraven, cut in, or stamped, a character, letter, mark, sign. This impression with its particular features was considered as the exact representation of the object whose image it bore..." **Spiros Zodhiates, The Complete Word Study Dictionary, pg. 1468.**
7. Thus Jesus Christ is presented, as the shape, form or groove of the Divine Nature, that is, as the Divine Nature is love, so Jesus has the same shape of love. Heb. 1:3.
8. Thus, although the shape of the Divine Nature (love) is being referred to, the Greek word is used for shape and form. What is the shape or form love has taken to a sinful world? It has taken the dynamics or method of salvation called the "death of Christ" or the "Plan (or science) of Salvation". Jn. 3:14-17; Rom. 5:6-10; 1 Jn. 3:16; 1 Jn. 4:9-11.
9. Christ is the only Saviour. Matt. 1:21; Acts. 4:10-12; 1 Jn. 4:14.
10. Christ is the exegesis of God. Jn. 1:18.
11. Thus Christ – the Plan of Salvation – is the shape; form or Character God (who is Love) has taken in this sinful world. Christ is the Character of God. Jn. 14:6-11; Jn. 17:6-8; 2 Jn. 9.
12. The Greek word for Nature and that of the Dictionary.
 - a. "Phusis... also means nature, essence, essential constitution and properties... God's nature here refers not to His essence but to certain of His attributes, i.e., divine qualities...". **Spiros Zodhiates, The Complete Word Study Dictionary, pg. 1459, 1460.**
 - b. "The essence, essential qualities or attributes of a thing, which constitute it what it is; as the nature of the soul; the nature of blood; the nature of a fluid; the nature of plants, or of mental; the nature of a circle or an angle...". **Noah Webster, American Dictionary of the English Language.**
 - c. Thus Nature means the being or constitution of a thing what it is made up of, but character means the shape, form or groove of a thing. The two are different. The nature of a flower is that it is a flower, but its shape, form or character is the type of flower it is; etc. rose, carnation.
13. So the Character of God, Christ – the Plan of Salvation – shows that God is love in Nature. Rom. 5:6-10; 1 Jn. 4:9-11.
14. Thus the Character of God is not that "God does not destroyed", but it is the Plan of Salvation, the Light that reveals the love of God. 1 Jn. 3:16; 1 Jn. 4:7-12.

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b. “The religion of Christ means more than the forgiveness of sin; it means taking away our sins, and filling the vacuum with the graces of the Holy Spirit. It means divine illumination, rejoicing in God. It means a heart emptied of self, and blessed with the abiding presence of Christ. When Christ reigns in the soul there is purity, freedom from sin. The glory, the fullness, the completeness of the gospel plan is fulfilled in the life. The acceptance of the Saviour brings a glow of perfect peace, perfect love, perfect assurance. The beauty and fragrance of the character of Christ revealed in the life testifies that God has indeed sent His son into the world to be its Saviour.” **Ibid, Soft Cover, pg. 382; (Hard Cover, pg. 419-420).**

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