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Picture taken at Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park in Florida. These are the wild horses of Florida.  
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# A closer look

## com·mend

/kəˈmend/ 

verb

past tense: **commended**; past participle: **commended**

1. praise formally or officially.  
"he was commended by the judge for his courageous actions"  
*synonyms:* [praise](#), [compliment](#), [congratulate](#), [applaud](#), [salute](#), [honor](#); [More](#)
2. entrust someone or something to.  
"I commend them to your care"  
*synonyms:* [entrust](#), [trust](#), [deliver](#), [commit](#), [hand over](#), [give](#), [turn over](#), [consign](#), [assign](#) [More](#)

Greek translation:

Commended-Συνίστησιν – to demonstrate– to prove – to establish

His Love – ἑαυτοῦ ἀγάπην- His own love. The love both of God and of Christ is involved in the atonement. It also shows the love of both God and Jesus to be one and the same, meaning that both God and Jesus ARE indeed one and the same. Jesus is God in the flesh, come to die and pay the price for our sins.

For us - ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν - instead of, in place of us.

And THAT is a LOT of love for us – who are still sinners. God Himself, took the form of a man (Jesus) and went to the cross to bear our burden. This should inspire us to desire to do better, and live our best – for Him.