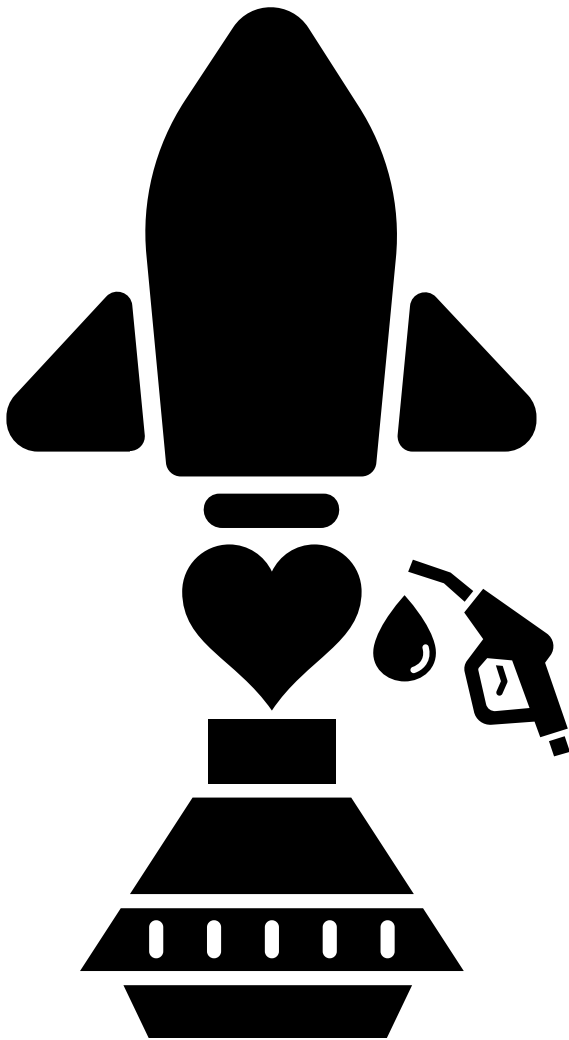


Space Shuttle

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The declarations (indicatives) cannot be separated from the obligations (imperatives) of Scripture. A space shuttle is made of more than one part. The engine and the nose have two different jobs. The nose determines the direction of the shuttle and the engine provides the power.

If you have just the engine and no nose, or the nose without the engine, the space shuttle cannot do what it is made to do. You have to have both the power and the direction.

Romans 1:16 says the gospel is the power of God for salvation. The gospel is the news about how Jesus creates in us new heart. That's the power. That's the engine.

Other Bible verses tell us how we should live. These are our obligations (imperatives), which God commands, like do not lie. That's the direction.

You have to have the power of a new heart and the direction of God's commands. The two have to go together in order for the space shuttle to launch and do what it is made to do.