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## Galatians 4 : 4 – 11

“...You observe days and months and seasons and years.”

‘paratereo’ - to inspect alongside, that is, note insidiously or scrupulously; to neglect nothing requisite to the religious observance of

## What is Valentines?

Valentines is the time in which people express their love for one another through the offering of gifts. Whether it is flowers, chocolate, a card, or jewelry many countries celebrate the event in a similar manner of exchanging gifts to those whom they love.

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## You probably didn't know

There are several “St. Valentines” recognized by the Catholic church. However, most believe that the day is used to commemorate the death of priest Valentine, who defied Claudius II by marrying couples in secret when it was forbidden.

Lupercalia was the fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, or possibly Lupa the shewolf who suckled the Roman founders Romulus and Remus. Lupercalia was celebrated Mid-February (15<sup>th</sup>) from ~753 B.C. to 496 A.D.

There is no one true historical account of how we came to have Valentine's Day, however, the common belief is that at the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> century Lupercalia was deemed “un-Christian” and St. Valentine's Day was instituted by Pope Gelasius I.

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What does Valentines bring?

A renewed love.

A fond remembrance of those we do love.

An outward display of our love.

“Where there is love, there is life.” - Ghandi

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Not all love is acceptable...

To love evil is not acceptable

Micah 3 : 1 – 2

“...You who...love evil...”

Psalm 52 : 1 – 4

You love evil, a lying tongue, and devouring words

To love the world or the things in it is not acceptable

I Timothy 6 : 10

“...the love of money...greediness...”

I John 2 : 15

“Do not love the world...”

“...friendship with the world is enmity with God...”

James 4 : 4

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...yet love is approved by God

Love good

Amos 5 : 15

“Hate evil, love good...”

Romans 12 : 9

“...abhor evil. Cling to what is good.”

Love your enemies

Matthew 5 : 44

“...love your enemies, bless those who curse you...”

Love your brethren

I Peter 1 : 22

“...sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently...”

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How is proper love shown?

## Husband & Wife

Ephesians 5 : 25, 28 (Colossians 3 : 19)

I Peter 3 : 1 – 2, 5 – 8

Hebrews 13 : 4

## Father & Mother & Child

Ephesians 6 : 1 – 4 (Colossians 3 : 20 – 21)

Titus 2 : 4 – 5

II Timothy 1 : 5

Hebrews 12 : 9 – 10

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Brethren

Galatians 6 : 1 – 2

Galatians 6 : 10

“...do good...especially to those...household of faith.”

I John 3 : 16 – 18 (James 2 : 14 – 17)

God and us

Matthew 7 : 9 – 11 (Luke 11 : 11 – 13)

John 3 : 16 – God loved, He gave.

Romans 5 : 8

John 15 : 13

Christ died for us → we should die for others

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How do we celebrate (show) our love?

I John 4 : 19

We love Him, because He loved us first.

How do we love Him?

John 14 : 15, 23 – 24

Baptism, Obedience, etc.

Hebrews 10 : 24 – 25

We assemble and love one another.

Ephesians 4 : 16

I Thessalonians 1 : 2 – 4

“...always...remembering...”

Romans 1 : 8 – 9; I Corinthians 1 : 4 – 6;

Philippians 1 : 3 – 5, 9 – 11; Colossians 1 : 3;

II Thessalonians 1 : 3; II Timothy 1 : 3; Philemon 4 – 5