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Here in the USA we associate February with love; more particularly, we associate Valentine's Day with romance, but that wasn't always the case. The word "valentine" has two meanings. It can refer to a card sent or given to a loved one on Valentine's Day and it can also indicate any particular person chosen to receive a greeting on or around Valentine's Day.

The original Valentine was a priest who came to the rescue of young Roman soldiers forbidden by Emperor Claudius II to marry; Claudius determined that marriage of soldiers was an impediment to a strong national defense. Valentine secretly married soldiers, but when Claudius heard of it, he arrested Valentine. Valentine refused to obey two royal orders and so an incensed emperor ordered Valentine's execution

It is purported that while in prison awaiting his execution, Valentine restored the sight of his jailor's daughter through his strong faith in the Lord. A friendship developed, and just before his death, Valentine took up pen and paper from his jailor, Asterius, to write a farewell message to Asterius' daughter. He signed it "From Your Valentine." The phrase endured. Valentine is believed to have been executed on February 14, 270 A.D.

Soon people created a holiday to commemorate Valentine. Originally, the Day did not center on passionate or romantic love, but on agape or Christian love. It wasn't until the 14th century that the Day became associated with romantic love.



The Battle of Agincourt, 15th century miniature

Following his defeat in 1415 in the battle of Agincourt, the French Duke of Orleans, captured and confined in the Tower of London, wrote love poems to his wife. And there's this: in medieval France and England it was believed that birds mated on February 14 and then Chaucer used the image of birds as the symbol of lovers in poems dedicated to the Day. "For this was on St. Valentine's Day, when every fowl cometh there to choose his mate." Thus, "love birds" became the rage, not to mention, love poems.

By the 18th century, gift-giving and exchanging hand made cards added to the Day. The tradition spread to the American colonies but greeting cards were not commercially produced in the USA until the 1840's; the first greeting cards being created by Esther A. Howland, "Mother of the Valentine."

Bringing it up to date, I was before the Lord praying about what He wanted to say, asking what the Spirit is saying to the Body of Christ. This is what I received.

Will You Be My Valentine?

Yea, I have loved you with an everlasting love.

This love I have demonstrated tangibly in deed and not in word only with the sending of My Son Jesus Christ.

Nothing separates you from My love now, for the sin that separated you from Me has been atoned for. Romans 8

I have bought you with a price and you are Mine. The Holy Spirit indwells you, lives within you. I have the power to overwhelm you for I am God after all. Yet I ask you today, Will you be My Valentine?

Will you willingly surrender to My Holy Spirit, to living with Me forever? Will you let Me love you?

I will be your God and you will be My son. Will you let My Spirit pervade your being such that you walk, not as a slave, but in the spirit of a son?

Will you sacrifice, offer up, the members of your body to Me? Put off sin and put on the Lord Jesus Christ?

Will you let My Spirit bear fruit in you as you abide in the Vine—overcoming selfishness, loving instead of fearing—for perfect love casts out fear?

Are you ready to share in the sufferings of Christ that you may know Him and the power of His resurrection, dying to death that you might live in the Spirit?

For this is the cost of the anointing—the presence of God in the Holy of Holies.

Will you let Me love you? Do not boast of your love to Me, boasting of what you have or have not done. Rather, yield to the love I have for you. Surrender to My Spirit, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Spirit of Prophecy, Spirit of Faith, Spirit of life, Spirit of Grace, Spirit of wisdom and revelation, the Promise of the Father, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of holiness, the Spirit of adoption.

Yea, I have loved you with an everlasting love. Receive Me as I am, just as I also received you. Receive Me in My holiness, omnipotence, sovereignty, goodness, justice, mercy, even as I received you in your sin, stench, misery, lawlessness.

For I am coming to you to establish you, to bring you to maturity, to strengthen you by grace, to settle you firm in the faith.

I love you. Will you be My Valentine?

Should you decide to answer, “yes,” I suggest you answer, “As you grant me grace, I will.”



We are focusing on world missions right now because we were blessed to have a missionary family with us from Angola and we have a five-member MCM mission team preparing to go to Israel, to the Galilee region and Jerusalem, March 1st.



This is the fourth call to Israel and many prophetic words have been given concerning this trip. You can search them out, and also “Jerusalem’s Destiny,” at www.marycraig.org, prophetic section. For more on MCM world missions, check out missions on the web site. And join us at Craighouse®, a Christian Fellowship, 114 East McNab Road, Pompano Beach, FL when you can.



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