

#6*RMA/BSG - "FEBRUARY: A SEASON OF LOVE MANIFESTED"

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TOPICS: **"FEBRUARY – A SEASON OF LOVE MANIFESTED"** (*Feb. 3-14*)

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Study Guide and Postings for February: (*Feb. 3-4*).

Instructions: Read the Introduction/Background, then be directed by information provided:

- a) The question/comment for each Study Guide.
- b) Suggested Resources: Bibles [KJV and NLT], dictionary, paper, pens; APPS
- c) As directed.

PART A: Introduction/Background: (*Feb. 3*)

February – known for Valentine's Day on February 14 – as history reveals – began with the martyr of a priest, who was known for assisting persecuted Christians. Today, this day is celebrated with thoughts of love through the giving of cards, candy, flowers, jewelry, specific events, special times together, etc. (For Christians, Jesus Christ should be our center of attention – First - with thoughts of love for **HIM** – for giving **HIS LIFE** for us, then with thoughts of **HIM** through **HIS LOVE** manifested through our giving to others.)

PART B: Scriptural Readings: *(Feb. 3)*

STUDY GUIDE #1: What are Four Major kinds of Love?

Christians realize there are four major Greek words for the word, "LOVE."

These Greek

Words, with their English definitions are:

- 1) Eros = physical, sensual love between husband and wife;
- 2) Philia = brotherly love; friendship;
- 3) Storge = family love (the bond among mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers;
- 4) Agape = selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love, as only **GOD** could demonstrate, as in John 3:16. "Agape" is the highest of the four kinds of love.

In every instance in this study, we - as Christians – shall use the definition "AGAPE," meaning "God Love." (Again, "Agape" denotes the Love of GOD for humankind in that through HIS dying on the Cross, HE freely gave HIS life for mankind so that we might have a right to the Tree of Life [Eternal Life].) Now we know- that as Christians - we must realize that much time in February should be "topped with 'AGAPE/(LOVE for God)'" – with "giving" **HIM** *Gifts of Love*, as

- 1) times of special prayer;
- 2) times of fasting;
- 3) times of worship;
- 4) times of concentration; and
- 5) times for reading and meditating on selected Holy Scriptures, as the information below indicates. [You are invited to locate other Scriptures.]

STUDY GUIDE #2: What are the greatest qualities of “Agape” Love? *(Feb. 4)*

I Corinthians 13:1-13

STUDY GUIDE #3: As a Christian, what do you say about “Love” *(Feb. 4)*

- 1) for yourself?
- 2) for others?

STUDY GUIDE #4: Read the Scriptures below to know what the Bible says regarding.. “LOVE:” *(Feb. 4)*

a) God’s “Love” for us:

- 1) John 3:11-17 (esp. 3:16)
- 2) John 15:12-17
- 3) I John 4:9-12

b) “Love” for God.

1) Our “Love” for God.

- a) Deuteronomy 7:1-26
- b) Deuteronomy 8:1-2
- c) Deuteronomy 30:6, 20
- d) Matthew 6:24
- e) I John 4:7-21

2) Keep God's Commandments (*Feb. 5*)

- a) Exodus 20:1-11
- b) Leviticus 19:1-14, 27b, 28-29, 31-32, 37
- c) Deuteronomy 6:1-25
- d) Deuteronomy 10:1-22
- e) Matthew 5:17-20
- f) Matthew 22:37-40
- g) John 14:15, 21, 23-24
- h) John 15:10-14
- i) I John 3:23-24
- j) II John 5-10

3) "Love" God with your ~~whole~~ heart, mind, soul, and strength:

(*Feb. 6*)

- a) Deuteronomy 6:1-25
- b) Deuteronomy 10:12-22
- c) Deuteronomy 11:13-28
- d) Deuteronomy 4:9
- e) Psalm 18:1-2
- f) Matthew 22:37-40
- g) Mark 12:28-34
- h) Luke 10:25-27

c) "Love" one another. (*Feb. 6*)

- 1) Matthew 19:16-19
- 2) John 13:34-35
- 3) John 15:17
- 4) Ephesians 4:1-6
- 5) I John 3:10-17
- 6) I John 4:7-21

d) "Love" your enemies. (*Feb 6 5*)

- 1) Matthew 5:17-24, 43-48
- 2) Luke 6:27-36

e) “Do unto Others as you want them to do unto you, “

OR

“Love” your neighbor as you do yourself. *(Feb. 7)*

- 1) Leviticus 19:18, 34 (NLT)
- 2) Matthew 22:35-40
- 3) Mark 12:28-31
- 4) Luke 10:25-28
- 5) John 13:31-35
- 5) Romans 13:8-10:

f) Marital “Love.” *(Feb. 7)*

- 1) Genesis 2:18 -25
- 2) Genesis 29:20

g) “Love” for a friend. *(Feb. 7)*

- 1) Proverbs 17:17

h) “Love” must be sincere. *(Feb. 7)*

Romans 12:9

i) “Love” covers a multitude of sins. *(Feb. 7)*

- 1) Proverbs 10:12:
- 2) I Peter 4:8
- 3) I John 4:18-19:

**STUDY GUIDE #5: Read additional scriptures regarding
“LOVE” from the New Testament.**

- a) **John 15:7, 13-27** *(Feb. 7)*
- b) John 17:25-26
- c) II Corinthians 13:11
- d) Galatians 2:20
- e) Galatians 5:22
- f) Ephesians 4:1-3
- g) Colossians 3:14
- h) I Thessalonians 4:9
- i) II Timothy 1:7
- j) Hebrews 12:5-7
- k) **I John 2:3-11** *(Feb. 7)*
- m) I John 3:1, 16
- n) I John 4:12, 18, 19, 20
- o) Jude 20, 21
- p) Revelation 1:4-8

**STUDY GUIDE #6: In what part of the Bible are the Books
of Poetry/Wisdom Books found?** *(Feb., 8)*

STUDY GUIDE #7: List the Books of Poetry/Wisdom. *(Feb. 8)*

**STUDY GUIDE #8: Read some Selected Scriptures
from The Books of Poetry/Wisdom Books regarding
“LOVE.” (Feb. 9-10)**

A. From Book of Psalms: (Feb. 9)

5:11
18:1
40:16
69:30-36
70:4
91:14
97:10
109:4-5

116:1 (Feb. 9)

119:97, 113, 119, 127, 132, 159, 163, 167
122:6
145:20

B. From the Book of Proverbs: (Feb. 10)

8:17, 21, 35-36 (Back-up Scriptures: John 14:15-23)

C. From the Book of Ecclesiastes: (Feb. 10)

3:1-15

D. From the Book of the Song of Solomon: (Feb. 10)

2:1-4
8:4

STUDY GUIDE #9: Read additional Old Testament Scriptures regarding “LOVE:” *(Feb. 11)*

- a) Genesis 22:12
- b) Deuteronomy 33:3
- c) Nehemiah 9:31-32
- d) Jeremiah 31:3
- e) Malachi 1:2
- f) Can you add other Scriptures?

STUDY GUIDE #10: Read Additional New Testament Scriptures regarding “LOVE:” *(Feb. 11)*

- a) John 1:14, 29, 3:36, 6:40, 8:32, 10:24-30, 11:25-26** *(Feb. 27 [a])*
- b) Romans 5:8, 10** *(Feb. 11 [b-h])*
- c) II Corinthians 5:19-21 (NLT)
- d) II Thessalonians 2:16
- e) I Timothy 1:15-16
- f) Ephesians 2:4
- g) Revelation 1:5
- h) Can you add other Scriptures?

PART C: “Love” is the “Chief” of God’s Promises that binds all of these virtues together, for it is these virtues that “HELP” us to “DO” the “Ten Commandments *(Feb. 12)*

- 1) I Corinthians 13:1-13; Note verses 1 and 13)
- 2) II Peter 1:1-11 ; Note verses 3-8)

PART D: What will be the Application of each of the Books of Wisdom for your Life, today, and Going Forward? *(Feb. 12 - 13)*

PART E: Write descriptions of “ACTS OF LOVE” you showed to others? *(Feb. 13 -14)*

*May **GOD** Bless your efforts in this endeavor!*