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presents its

OVERALL THEME: The Years 2003, 2013 and Going Forward...

“THE MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE”

THEME: **“AM I READY TO GO TO HEAVEN...AT THIS MOMENT?”**

TOPIC for MAY - “MANIFESTING GOD’S AGAPE LOVE:

A SCRIPTURAL READING GUIDE”

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Encompassing the **LMMI topics below**, “*The Manifestation of LOVE,*” is a central part of **“FEBRUARY: A SEASON OF GOD’S LOVE MANIFESTED”** - coupled with **“...A CULTURAL AWARENESS EXPERIENCE”** – shall be a portion of our **DAILY/MONTHLY** routine **TODAY AND THROUGHOUT THIS YEAR!**

*A **“MUST-BUY”** Enhancement is **LORD, THIS HEART OF MINE** by Bishop Clifton Jones
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Day 8: Relevant Information: As Preludes to “The...7:14 Connection” Project,
please see/read/download the web-posts below @ www.lcj-lmmi.org/services.

- 1) September 16, 2019: **“YOU ARE MORE THAN A FRIEND:...”**
- 2) #2022 - **“PRAYER AND FASTING”** – Please read & adhere to for
 - a) Each Wednesday - **LMMI “CORPORATE PRAYER AND FAST DAY!”**
 - b) “The Season of Pentecost;” c) as requested
- 3) #77B May – “40 Days after JESUS’ Resurrection...”
- 4) #8 May – “Readying to Receive the Holy Ghost/Holy Spirit”
- 5) #9 May-June – “The Season of the New Testament Church...,”
including “PENTECOST” and “The ACTS of the Apostles”

Introduction/Background to this Month's Topic:

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 to others.**
[St. John 3:16-17 (KJV). Focus is Verse 16.]

Although each month will begin in a similar manner (pages 2.-4), please review these pages each month. The **GOAL** is for EACH PERSON to DEMONSTRATE/MANIFEST GROWTH in his/her life on a DAILY BASIS!

REMEMBER: **JESUS CHRIST** DEMONSTRATED/MANIFESTED THE ULTIMATE IN **HIS LOVE** FOR US WHEN **HE** FREELY GAVE **HIS** LIFE FOR US ON A WOODEN CROSS!

*****When/if possible, see "**THE PASSION!**"

Day 9: Read : "You are More than A Friend;

You are My Brother; You are My Sister"

(web-post: www.lcj-lmmi.org/services)

Day 9: Review - 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, brothers;
- 4) **Agape** = selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love, as only **GOD** could demonstrate, as in St. 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. [Please locate other Scriptures.]

Day 9: What are the greatest qualities of “AGAPE” LOVE?

I Corinthians 13:1-13

Day 9: As a Christian, what do you say about “LOVE”

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

Day 9: Read Postings for the month of March:

Directives:

- a) Read the Introduction/Background.
- b) Be directed by each specific **LOVE** topic presented.
- c) FOR EACH SCRIPTURE, READ/WRITE from the **KING JAMES BIBLE VERSION** [KJV], then the **AMPLIFIED BIBLE VERSION** [AMP].

[NOTE: “Compare Versions” from the “**YouVersion Bible**” app is helpful in understanding meanings of some words.]

- d) Suggested Resources:
 - 1) Bibles [**KJV/NKJV**; **YouVersion Bible** app; AMP/AMPC; CEV; EASY; GNB; ICB; NLT; MSG
 - 2) Other: Dictionary; Paper/pens; Laptop/Printer, if/as desired;
 - 3) Etc.

Day 10: Scriptural Readings:

DIRECTIONS for EACH DAY:

READ, then **WRITE EACH** Scripture from the **King James Version of the Bible [KJV]**, **THEN** from the **Amplified Version of the Bible [AMP]**.

[Example: Use the “**YouVersion Bible**” from your “**Smart Phone**.” Locate the verse(s) to be read, then go to the “**AMP Version**” in “**Compare Versions**.”

*** READ/WRITE the Scriptures below to know what the Bible says regarding... “LOVE:”**

Day 11: a) “LOVE:”

John 3:11-17 (esp. 3:16)

Day 12: b) God’s “LOVE” for ME:

I John 4:9-12

Day 13: “LOVE” for GOD.

Our “LOVE” for GOD.

Deuteronomy 7:1-26

Day 14: Keep GOD’s Commandments

Exodus 20:1-11

Day 15: “LOVE” GOD with your *WHOLE HEART, MIND,*

SOUL, AND STRENGTH.

Matthew 22:37-40

Day 16: “LOVE” one another.

Matthew 19:16-19

Day 17: “LOVE” your ENEMIES.

Romans 12:14

Day 18: “DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WANT THEM TO DO UNTO YOU,”

OR

“LOVE” your Neighbor as You do Yourself.

Day 19:

I John 4:11

Day 20:

John 15:12

Day 21:

Leviticus 19:13

Day 22:

Mark 12:31

Day 23:

Matthew 22:39

Day 24:

Leviticus 19:15

Marital “LOVE:”

Day 25:

Ephesians 5:25

Day 26:

Revelation 12:10

Day 27: “LOVE” for a Friend.

John 15:12

Day 28: “LOVE” MUST BE Sincere.

1 John 4:8

Day 29: “LOVE” covers a multitude of sins.

Ephesians 4:32

Days 30 and 31:

James 5:21; *Reflections*

REMEMBER to do “Scriptural Readings” for remaining months in this year!

MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN YOUR ENDEAVORS!