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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?"

#6F - JULY: "MANIFESTING GOD'S AGAPE LOVE: A SCRIPTURAL READING GUIDE"

Theme: "LOVE," from I Corinthians 13:1-13 (KJV)

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part of "FEBRUARY: A SEASON OF GOD'S LOVE MANIFESTED." It shall be a portion of our <u>DAILY/MONTHLY</u> routine TODAY AND THROUGHOUT THIS YEAR!

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<u>Day 16-18:</u> <u>Relevant Information</u>: As Preludes to "The...7:14 Connection" Project, please see/read/download the web-posts below @ www.lci-lmmi.org/services.

- 1) September 16, 2019: "YOU ARE MORE THAN A FRIEND:..."
- 2) #2 "Tripling My TRIPLE UP Effect: A Message for the 20s!"
- 3) #2022 "PRAYER AND FASTING" Please read and adhere to
 - a) Each Wednesday LMMI "CORPORATE PRAYER AND FAST DAY!"
 - b) "THE SEASON OF PENTECOST."
- 4) #8 May "Readying to Receive the Holy Ghost/Holy Spirit"
- 5) #9 May-June & cont. –"The Season of the New Testament Church...ACTS," including "PENTECOST" and "The ACTS of the Apostles"

Days 16-18 -

Introduction/Background to this Month's Topic:

February – known for <u>Valentine's Day</u> 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 <u>LOVE</u> through the giving of cards, candy, flowers, jewelry, specific events, special times together, etc. **(For Christians, Jesus Christ should be our center of attention** – <u>first</u> - with thoughts of <u>LOVE</u> for <u>HIM</u> – for giving <u>HIS LIFE for us, then with thoughts of <u>HIM</u> through <u>HIS LOVE</u> manifested to others.

[St. John 3:16-17 (KJV). Focus is Verse 16.]</u>

Although each month will begin in a similar manner, 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!"

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Days 16-18: 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) <u>Agape</u> = selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love, as only <u>GOD</u> could demonstrate, <u>as in St. John 3:16</u>. "<u>AGAPE"</u> is the <u>highest</u> of the Four Kinds of **LOVE**.

In every instance in this study, we 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, JESUS 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 '<u>AGAPE'/(LOVE FOR GOD)"</u> – with "giving" <u>HIM</u> <u>Gifts of Love</u>, 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.]
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<u>Days 16-18</u>: <u>What are the greatest qualities of "AGAPE" LOVE?</u> I Corinthians 13:1-13

Days 16-18: As a Christian, what do you say about "LOVE"

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

Days 16-18: Read Postings for THIS particular Month: Directives:

- a) Read the Introduction/Background.
- b) FOR EACH VERSE,
 - 1) READ from *THE KING JAMES BIBLE VERSION*[KJV], then from "Compare Versions."

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

[Example: Use the "YouVersion Bible" from your "Smart Device." Locate the verse(s) to be read, then read these recommended "Compare Versions" for each Verse:

KJV/NKJV; AMP/AMPC; CEV; EASY; GNB/GNT; ICB; NIV/NLT; MSG.

- 2) For further Verse Help/understanding, google your particular verse to **Bible Hub Commentary.**
- 3) Other: Dictionary; Paper/pens; Laptop/Printer, if/as desired;
- 4) Etc.
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Day 18: Verse 1

Day 19: Verse 2

Day 20: **Verse 3**

Day 21: **Verse 4**

Day 22: Verse 5

Day 23: Verse 6

Day 24: Verse 7

Day 25: Verse 8

Day 26: Verse 9

Day 27: Verse 10

Day 28: **Verse 11**

Day 29: **Verse 12**

Day 30: **Verse 13**

Day 31: Reflections:

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

MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN YOUR ENDEAVORS!

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