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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 MOMENTY"

TOPIC: "MANIFESTING GOD'S AGAPE LOVE: A SCRIPTURAL READING GUIDE"

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Encompassing the **LMMI topics below**, "The Manifestation of LOVE," as 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 <u>"MUST-BUY"</u> Enhancement: **LORD, THIS HEART OF MINE** by Bishop Clifton Jones – 601-259-2412/601-416-2632

- **See/Download posts below @ www.lcj-lmmi.org/services
 - 1) September 16, 2019: <u>"YOU ARE MORE THAN A FRIEND:</u>
 YOU ARE MY BROTHER; YOU ARE MY SISTER"
 - 2) #6 LMMI "FEBRUARY: A SEASON OF LOVE MANIFESTED"
 - 3) 2022 February 1-28:

"BLACK HISTORY: A CULTURAL AWARENESS EXPERIENCE"

4) #6A - "MANIFESTING GOD'S AGAPE LOVE..." (See above.)

<u>Day 7:</u> <u>Wednesday, March 16 = **LMMI "CORPORATE PRAYER AND FAST DAY!"**Follow directions from <u>www.lcj-lmmi.org/services</u>: #8 May – "Readying for..." (pages 12-16)</u>

Day 7: Introduction/Background:

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 manifested to others</u>.

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

Day 7: Read: "You are My Brother; You are My Sister"

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<u>Day 7:</u> 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 <u>LOVE</u>.

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 '<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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Day 8: What are the greatest qualities of "AGAPE" LOVE? I Corinthians 13:1-13

Day 8: As a Christian, what do you say about "LOVE" (Day 2)

- 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 <u>KING JAMES</u>

 <u>BIBLE VERSION</u> [KJV], then the <u>AMPLIFIED BIBLE</u>

 <u>VERSION</u> [AMP].

[NOTE: "<u>Compare Versions</u>" 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.

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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].

[<u>Example</u>: Use the "<u>YouVersion Bible</u>" from your "<u>Smart Phone</u>." Locate the verse(s) to be read, <u>then</u> go to the "<u>AMP Version</u>" in "<u>Compare Versions</u>."

* 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 "LOYE" for ME:**

John 15:12-17

Day 13: "LOVE" for GOD.

Our "LOYE" 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:

Deuteronomy 6:1-25

Day 16: "LOVE" one another.

Matthew 19:16-19

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Day 17: "LOYE" your ENEMIES.

Matthew 5:17-24, 43-48

Day 18: "DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WANT THEM TO DO UNTO YOU," OR

"LOVE" your Neighbor as You do Yourself.

Day 19:

Leviticus 19:18, 34 (NLT)

Day 20:

Matthew 22:35-40

Day 21:

Mark 12:28-31

Day 22:

Luke 10:25-28

Day 23:

John 13:31-35

Day 24:

Romans 13:8-10

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Marital "LOYE:"

Day 25:

Genesis 2:18 -25

Day 26:

Genesis 29:20

Day 27: "LOYE" for a Friend.

Proverbs 17:17

Day 28: "LOYE" MUST BE Sincere.

Romans 12:9

Day 29: "LOVE" covers a multitude of sins.

Proverbs 10:12

Day 31:

I Peter 4:8

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

MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN YOUR ENDEAVORS!

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