

IN THE NAME OF  
THE FATHER, THE  
SON, AND THE  
HOLY GHOST

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# Love And Compassion Ministries News Letter

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## Love And Compassion Ministries Needs Your Change To Help Change The World: One Soul At A Time

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for the advancement of Christianity!**

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Thursday  
Nov. 29, 2007

Hello Pastor Willis,

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I pray you are in the best of health and spirits when this letter reaches you.

Here's a few words to convey how much I appreciate your help and support. I thank you from the bottom and top of my heart.

Rev. Willis, I truly believe God used you to work in my behalf. Christopher Whitney said he talked my plea deal over with you and you agreed with it and said I should take it. So again I thank you. I also realized that I'm still accepted at Teen Challenge upon my release from here, so I will pray about that.

I want you to know, just by your willingness to help me and the effort you put forth in preparing, talking with my family and my attorney increased my faith, because you made me feel worthy of someone's else's love and care. I realize you spent a lot of time traveling back and forth and asking for my acceptance and it's my prayer God will richly bless you.

Once again I want to say, "Thank You!"

Please tell Henry I said thanks also.

I've given testimony of how you allowed God to use you in the court rooms, so now there are a few men who would like to write you. I've given them your name and address. I hope you don't mind.

You were very impressive in the courtroom when you handled my misdemeanor case. I stood there in amazement as God spoke through you. Everyone in the courtroom was in awe as you spoke, even the judge!

I pray God will continue to bless you, your family, and you ministry.

Peace be with you always.

Your Brother in Christ,

*Elijah Underwood*

Elijah Underwood



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

**HELP THE HOMELESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, there are over 60,000 persons in Florida on any given night who are homeless and have no place of their own to sleep; and

WHEREAS, homelessness can affect everyone but especially families, children, our military veterans, persons with mental illness, persons with disabilities, and those persons with substance problems; and

WHEREAS, homelessness creates a large demand on the state's social and economic resources; and

WHEREAS, government programs alone have been unable to solve the problem; and

WHEREAS, the causes of homelessness are numerous and complex, requiring individually tailored services; and

WHEREAS, the solution of the issue of homelessness requires that all citizens become involved in helping their neighbors in need through the donation of their time, talents and resources; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all of the residents of the State of Florida are given the opportunity to be safely housed and healthy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing January 2008 as *Help the Homeless Month*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, in the year two thousand seven.



  
Governor



Thanks to Richard Germain 10-09-2006

SHE FINALLY FOUND A HOT GUY WHO WAS ONLY INTERESTED IN HER SOUL, BUT YET SHE STILL FELT UNEASY



Thanks to John LeBlanc 12-01-2006

IF YOU CAN'T PROPHECY ANYTHING NICE, DON'T PROPHECY ANYTHING AT ALL



when people fall down, don't they get back up again? **Jeremiah 8:4**

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**Please help us keep hope alive!**

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## The History of Valentine's Day

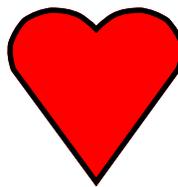
Every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and why do we celebrate this holiday? The history of Valentine's Day -- and its patron saint -- is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. So, who was Saint Valentine and how did he become associated with this ancient rite? Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred.

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men -- his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl -- who may have been his jailor's daughter -- who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today.

Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.

Special thanks to American Greetings.



**Happy Valentine's Day**

February 14, 2007

Show someone that you love them!

Why not show them that you love them everyday!

# Now I Belong to Jesus 511

*Whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. Rom. 14:8*

- 1. Je - sus my Lord will love me for - ev - er, From Him no pow'r of e - vil can
- 2. Once I was lost in sin's deg-ra-da - tion, Je - sus came down to bring me sal -
- 3. Joy floods my soul for Je - sus has saved me, Freed me from sin that long had en -

sev - er, He gave His life to ran - som my soul, Now I be - long to Him;  
 va - tion, Lift - ed me up from sor - row and shame, Now I be - long to Him;  
 slaved me, His pre - cious blood He gave to re - deem, Now I be - long to Him;

*Refrain*

Now I be - long to Je - sus, Je - sus be - longs to me,

Not for the years of time a - lone, But for e - ter - ni - ty.

TEXT and MUSIC: Norman J. Clayton

ELLSWORTH  
10.10.9.6. with Refrain

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*Optional transition to  
"My Savior's Love"*



## Love And Compassion Ministries

Dear Friends,

February 14 is Valentine's day. The day we are to celebrate the gift of love, romance, and loving relationships. Love is a strange thing. It can be the most amazing feeling in the world, or it can hurt as nothing else can, but in the end love is something we all need to be able to receive and give. While there are many different ways to define love, it all comes down to having a desire to put others before yourself.

Love is the continual act of unconditionally putting the needs of others before your own. When you utter the words "**I Love You**," do they carry with them the desire to show someone you love them or do they carry with them what you want to feel? When you say it, do you really mean it while willing to do anything for that special person. Rather than impose your own expectations or attempt to control them, try to understand how others feel, where they come from, and who they are. Realize that they might or might not love you back.

If you cannot love another person without attaching stipulations, then it is not love at all, but deep-seated opportunism. If your interest is in the other person as to how that person can enhance your experience of life, then it is not unconditional. If you have no intention of improving that person's life, allow that person to be themselves, accept them as they are, and not who you want them to be, then you are not striving to love them unconditionally.

**I Corinthians 13 says:** 1. If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. 2. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3. And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing. 4. Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5. doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; 6. rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; 7. beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 8. Love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall be done away; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall be done away. 9. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part; 10. but when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away. 11. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I felt as a child, I thought as a child: now that I am become a man, I have put away childish things. 12. For now we see in a mirror, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know fully even as also I was fully known. 13. But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love. (From the American Standard Bible)

Love expects nothing in return. That doesn't mean you should allow someone to mistreat or undervalue you. It means that giving love does not guarantee receiving love. Try loving just to love someone! Realize it can be lost. If you realize that you can lose the one you love, then you have a greater appreciation of what you have. Think how lucky you are to have someone to love.

In 1850, Alfred Lord Tennyson said, "It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all." Won't you show someone Christ's Love that lives within you, today!

In the Presence of our LORD,

*Ron Willis*

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It is a great privilege that we have, as sons and daughters of the KING, to be able to come into HIS presence with our needs, our hurts, and our cares. We know that we can leave them at HIS feet because HE cares for us and will always answer us in our time of need.

Prayer requests are very important to us! We always need people who are caring and willing to personally pray for others needs. As we pray for their physical, moral, and spiritual needs, we must understand that because of JESUS CHRIST'S love for all of us, we are able to do this. CHRIST is the answer to every human's needs.

As members of the Body of CHRIST, we have the privilege and responsibility to pray for our Churches, our missionaries, public officials, other ministries, and each other.

It is so exciting to see prayers being answered. May we always give CHRIST the Glory!