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In the Name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit

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Where did Valentine's Day Begin? One legend says, many early Christian martyrs were named Valentine. Pope Gelasius established Saint Valentines Day in 496 AD to honor these martyrs. This legend says Saint Valentine, a Christian, was encouraged by Roman Emperor, Claudius II, to convert from Christianity to Roman paganism. Instead, Saint Valentine tried to convert Claudius to Christianity, and Claudius ordered him executed. The legend goes further indicating that before he was executed, Saint Valentine healed Claudius' blind daughter.

Although it started as a day to honor Christian martyrs, at some point, Saint Valentines Day became a romantic holiday — a day of love. But, that fits so well into what the Bible has to say.

The Bible tells of three types of love:

Eros is a sexual love, usually an impulsive love that probably will not last unless it is replaced by true love.

Phileo is brotherly love—the love and affection we have for a brother or friend.

Agape is God's love for us. The Bible says, "God is Love" *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:16).*



Agape is the type of love God wants us to have for one another, especially the love a husband and wife should have for one another.

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When the Pharisees asked Jesus what the greatest commandment was, Jesus replied in Matthew 22: 37-40:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”



So, first, Jesus said we must love God, and second we must love our neighbors. **That’s the mandate Jesus gave us as Christians. He says everything we do must be out of love for God and unconditional love for others.**

Probably the most famous Biblical words describing this importance of love are found in 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

*“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, **but have not love, I am nothing.** If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, **but have not love, I gain nothing.** Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.*

Corinthians 13: 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.



*But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. **And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”***

If we have no love, we are nothing! Love, that’s what Love and Compassion Ministries is all about. We love God with all of our being—enough to share Him with all we meet. We love our fellow men and women, who are having difficulties, enough to swallow our pride, humble ourselves, see the troubled person as higher and more important than ourselves, and show them His compassion.

Yes, we have talked with some of you parents, brothers, sisters, and friends about treating an addict with tough love. What’s that—is it really love? Any of us who has loved an addict have gone through the early steps with what we thought was an unconditional *love* of that addict.

When they had used all their money, and didn’t have enough to feed themselves pay the electric bill or buy clothes for their families, we *loved* them so much, we gave them money. They bought drugs.

The next time they didn’t have the money to buy food, pay the electric bill, or buy clothes we *loved*

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them so much we, tried buying the food, paying the electric bill, and buying them and their family the clothes. We didn't realize it, but we had made it possible for them to use what little money they did make to buy drugs, and some of them even sold the food and clothes we bought to get money to buy drugs.

I could go on and on, but because we *loved* them, we bailed them out, not only bailed them out of jail, we bailed them out of almost every difficulty they got into.

Finally (we thought) we got so frustrated, but we *loved* them so much, we brought them to Ron Willis at Love and Compassion Ministries and told him he needed to find them a good Christian drug recovery program. After talking and working with them for a some time, Ron found a program. Then the addict clarified the problem with, "I don't need that. I can do it myself, or I don't need a year long program, 30 days will be enough."

How's that agape love working for you now? It isn't the agape love that's not working, it's the way you are applying it. You have been rescuing them from the consequences of their self destructive behavior, so they have no reason to change. That's not *loving* them! And, you haven't shown yourself any *love*—you've been letting the addict run over you. Agape love can be tough love.

Let's try tough love. Love that shows we love ourselves enough not to treat ourselves as a servant of the addict. An unconditional love of the addict that will treat him or her in a way that will lead them to correct their self destructive behavior. That means we have to let them and their family suffer from lack of food, electricity and clothes until the addict feels the need to change. Most people think, their family????? Their my grandchildren!!!! I couldn't do that. Then, suggest the family show tough love and leave. That's tough, true, unconditional love!

Yes, the love you find at Love and Compassion Ministries comes in many forms, but it is always based on the greatest commandment. Dr. John Domino, a former LCM director, volunteer, and supporter describes our love in the poem on page 4. As you read his poem, I hope you feel John's love for God and for serving Him and his love of working with us at Love and Compassion Ministries.

STREET MINISTRY

Love and Compassion Ministries had a street ministry at Bill Pierce Bail Bonds on MLK Blvd. on January 20 We served chicken, hot dogs, beans, potato salad, and other treats to many street people, and William Stewart talked with them about Jesus Christ. Four accepted Him as their Savior. Street Watch Ministries teamed with us to give clothing, food, and toiletries to those who came to hear the Word.



Start The New Year Out Right With Love and Compassion Ministries (LCM)!

by [John Michael Domino](#)

I have had the privilege of serving the Lord with Love and Compassion Ministries for over 7 years. The workers who help this ministry receive no pay. Our reward comes from seeing angelic smiles and experiencing softened hearts through the love of Christ. This poem describes only a fraction about how Love and Compassion Ministries helps others in need. Won't you join us?

Love and Compassion Ministries (LCM) takes a loving Christian stand.

They help the folks in need when it seems that no one else can!

When folks are down and out they don't need another kick.

LCM offers them the help they need and they provide it very quick.

They offer Christian guidance to folks coming out of jail.

They help the homeless find food and shelter when all else fails.

They help folks in trouble with drugs and alcohol and folks who lost their way.

They put them on a Christian program because the love of Jesus is the only way.

They knit families back together by arranging transportation to almost anywhere.

They visit youth in prisons; they show them Jesus loves them and how much He truly cares.

If you want to make a positive difference you needn't search any more.

LCM is on the front lines helping out when many others close their doors.

LCM does much with every dollar; they help folks in so many ways.

Give others a bright new future by donating to LCM today!

Formula: Love and Compassion Ministries (LCM) + your donations = *Success through Jesus Christ!*

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Reference: [Psalm 94:17](#) "Unless the LORD had given me help, I would soon have dwelt in the silence of death."

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LOVE AND COMPASSION MINISTRIES SALSA



Love And Compassion Ministries has given away seven cases of Love and Compassion Ministries Peach, Picante and Habanero Salsa. Many who received the salsa wanted to know how they could get more, so we have decided to provide it for a donation of \$3.50 a unit to cover our expenses. If you wish to order a 16 oz unit (shown above) please email us at RonWillis@LoveCompassion.com with the num-

Peach - Very mild and good. **Picante** - Hot but very good. **Habanero** - Too too hot !

A BEDTIME STORY

"What time does the library open?" the man on the phone asked.

"Nine A.M." came the reply. "And what's the idea of calling me at home in the middle of the night to ask a question like that?"

"Not until nine A.M.?" the man asked in a disappointed voice.

"No, not till nine A.M.!" the librarian said. "Why do you want to get in before nine A.M.?"

"Who said I wanted to get in?" the man sighed sadly. "I want to get out."

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THE U IN JESUS

Before U were thought of or time had begun,
God stuck U in the name of His Son..



And each time U pray, you'll see it's true,
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
For U, He was born; that's why He came.



And His great love for U is the reason He died.
It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?



The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,
And this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His Upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.



"Go into the world and tell them it's true
That I love them all - Just like I love U."

So many great people are spelled with a U,
Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?



It all depends now on what U will do,
He'd like them to know,
But it all starts with U.

Will U pass JesUs on?



Love Compassion Ministries

Friends and Partners,

February is always thought of as the “love” month and the stormy month. What a combination! During this month we celebrate Saint Valentine’s Day, the patron of love. This is the time of year when a man and woman fall in love and live happily ever after, right?

In real life, love brings joy and sadness. No one knows this better than those who have lost loved ones through death, divorce, Alzheimer's or even depression. We must understand that there is much in this world to overcome, and love overcomes all. Even when sadness and bitterness disable our correct thinking, we know down in the deepest parts of our hearts that we are loved by the Almighty God who created us in our mother’s womb. But knowing this does not prevent us from getting hurt by our loved ones.

Parents and grandparents will love their children and grandchildren even though they might be deformed, backward or in some way impaired, gay, straight, married or divorced. Nothing will remove the love they have for that child. Even if they sin, break the law, do drugs, lie to them, steal from them and even go to prison, parents will see their children through rose colored glasses and love them blindly.

Parents and grandparents have that unconditional love that we all need. That does not mean that they can accept their loved ones doing wrong. We cannot accept any kind of bad behaviour from our loved ones. It is the same with God. If our loved ones try to take over and force us to accept their rules, we must make them leave. You would think that kind of behaviour would not be tolerated, but yet I, personally, have seen children run the house. They get what they want, when they want it, and there is going to be a big fight if they don’t get it.

God's love is greater than any love of man. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him might have everlasting life. For God sent not His son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. God loves all His creation, but that doesn't mean that He loves what His creation is doing. Many times God puts people in their path to turn them around, yet, many times, they become hard headed and continue to go down that path of destruction and time after time God allows them to hit rock bottom to see that the answer lies within Him. I have been able to detect a demonic spirit in many that is moving people in the direction of death and destruction. This spirit is influencing them and their beliefs to a point of them opposing anything of God.

When our loved ones do wrong it doesn’t mean that we need to hide it, it means that we need to love them enough to get them to do what is right — even to the point of driving them to the police station to turn themselves in. The only way we can do this is by having the love of Jesus Christ living within us.

No matter what we go through, we need to know the presence and power of love in our lives. Just like the weather, many things become very unpredictable in your lives, but with Christ, we will not go through difficulties alone, because He loves us so much. There is no word that is more special or more powerful than the word love.

In the Presence of our LORD,

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If you would like to be a part of our exciting prayer team, please send us your e-mail address and we will send you updates of people who need our prayers.

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!