

Ceresco Baptist Church ~ The Ceresco Messenger

February 2022 - God Loves You!

Five Bible Verses for Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day isn't just about romance but a reminder that we are called to live out a biblical command to love others.

COLOSSIANS 3:14 (NIV)

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

The Book of Colossians, written by the Apostle Paul, reiterates his belief that love is the supreme attribute for Christians to strive toward. He detailed that in his letters to the Corinthians and now again to the Colossians. Paul believed that love would wash away any differences that believers, and non-believers, would face and be the uniting factor for all people. This scripture for Valentine's Day is definitely one we could apply year round.

1 PETER 4:8 (NIV)

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

According to the Apostle Peter, love was the trump card that every Christian should play. He believed that if Christians loved God and loved others, then it would cover all other sins and make forgiveness possible.

ROMANS 12:10 (NIV)

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

This scripture on love is a simple and straightforward one: Christians are called to put others above themselves. God wants us to serve Him and others and we can do that with love and actions.

MATTHEW 5:44 (NIV)

But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

When God says "love others," He means everyone. Even those who hurt us or betray us or who aren't Christian. Our love for others, even those we do not like, will be the mark of our Christianity. It is how others will know we love and worship God.

ROMANS 8:35 (NIV)

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

Committing your life to Jesus doesn't mean that your life will be without trouble and this scripture about love reminds us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. He will be there through the good and bad times, alike.

FATHER'S LOVE LETTER

An intimate message from God to you.

My child,

You may not know Me, but I know everything about you. (1)

I know when you sit down and when you rise up. (2) I am familiar with all your ways. (3)

Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. (4) For you were made in My image. (5)

In Me you live and move and have your being, for you are My offspring. (6)

I knew you even before you were conceived. (7) I chose you when I planned creation. (8)

You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in My book. (9)

I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. (10) You are fearfully and wonderfully made. (11)

I knit you together in your mother's womb. (12) And brought you forth on the day you were born. (13)

I have been misrepresented by those who don't know Me. (14)

I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. (15)

And it is my desire to lavish My love on you. Simply because you are My child and I am your Father. (16)

I offer you more than your earthly father ever could. (17) For I am the perfect Father. (18)

Every good gift that you receive comes from My hand. (19) For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. (20)

My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. (21) Because I love you with an everlasting love. (22)

My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore. (23) And I rejoice over you with singing. (24)

I will never stop doing good to you. (25) For you are My treasured possession. (26)

I desire to establish you with all My heart and all My soul. (27) And I want to show you great and marvelous things. (28)

If you seek Me with all your heart, you will find Me. (29)

Delight in Me and I will give you the desires of your heart. (30) For it is I who gave you those desires. (31)

I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. (32) For I am your greatest encourager. (33)

I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. (34) When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. (35)

As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to My heart. (36)

One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. (37)

I am your Father, and I love you even as I love My Son, Jesus. (38) For in Jesus, My love for you is revealed. (39)

He is the exact representation of My being. (40) He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you. (41)

And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. (42)

His death was the ultimate expression of My love for you. (43)

I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. (44)

If you receive the gift of My Son Jesus, you receive Me. (45) And nothing will ever separate you from My love again. (46)

Come home and I'll throw the biggest party Heaven has ever seen. (47)

I have always been Father, and will always be Father. (48) My question is... Will you be My child? (49)

I am waiting for you. (50)

Love, Your Dad, Almighty God

Flower Sign-Up

February 2022

2/6 - Open

2/13 - Sommers

2/20 - Open

2/27 - Open

Children's Time Sign-Up

for February:

2/6 - Sommers

2/13 - Sommers

2/20 - Open

2/27 - Open

Valentine's Day Is for Christian Love

Valentine's Day is for honoring love;
To show those we love we care.
Red hearts with tender sentiments
We send, our love to share.

So on Valentine's Day we're reminded
Of our very first Christian goal:
To love the Lord with all our heart
And all our mind and soul.

To love our neighbor as ourselves
We are also told to do,
So let's live our love by the Bible;
It's God's word, flawless and true.

If we give this Christian Valentine first,
We'll never run out of love,
For infinite love will come to us
From God in heaven above.

By Joanna Fuchs

Father's Love Letter is a compilation of the following paraphrased Bible verses presented in the form of a love letter from God to you... (1) Psalm 139:1; (2) Psalm 139:2; (3) Psalm 139:3; (4) Matthew 10:29-31; (5) Genesis 1:27; (6) Acts 17:28; (7) Jeremiah 1:4-5; (8) Ephesians 1:11-12; (9) Psalm 139:15-16; (10) Acts 17:26 (11) Psalm 139:14; (12) Psalm 139:13; (13) Psalm 71:6; (14) John 8:41-44; (15) 1 John 4:16; (16) 1 John 3:1; (17) Matthew 7:11; (18) Matthew 5:48; (19) James 1:17; (20) Matthew 6:31-33(21) Jeremiah 29:11; (22) Jeremiah 31:3; (23) Psalm 139:17-18; (24) Zephaniah 3:17; (25) Jeremiah 32:40; (26) Exodus 19:5; (27) Jeremiah 32:41; (28) Jeremiah 33:3; (29) Deuteronomy 4:29; (30) Psalm 37:4; (31) Philippians 2:13; (32) Ephesians 3:20; (33) 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17; (34) 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; (35) Psalm 34:18; (36) Isaiah 40:11; (37) Revelation 21:3-4; (38) John 17:23; (39) John 17:26; (40) Hebrews 1:3; (41) Romans 8:31; (42) 2 Corinthians 5:18-19; (43) 1 John 4:10; (44) Romans 8:31-32; (45) 1 John 2:23; (46) Romans 8:38-39 (47) Luke 15:7; (48) Ephesians 3:14-15; (49) John 1:12-13; (50) Luke 15:11-32.

For GOD
so loved the world,
that he gave his only SON,
that whoever believes in him
should not perish but have
eternal life.
-John 3:16

February 2022

Sunday		Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Saturday
30		31	1	2	3	4	5
Hymn Selection for the Month of February: Mary Ivey							
6		7	8	9	10	11	12
Communion Sunday					Worship Ministry Team Meeting 4 pm		
13	14		15	16	17	18	19
	Valentine's Day						
20		21	22	23	24	25	26
				Articles for the Mar 2022 Messenger are due by noon!			
27		28	1	2	3	4	5
Fellowship Sunday & Bake Sale!			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Contemporary Sing will be on the 4th Sunday this month. Join us at 6 pm on Sunday, Feb. 27th! </div>				



- Feb 4 Nicole Thomas
- Feb 17 Carlton Anthony
- Feb 18 Glen Cary
- Feb 25 Kelcie Collins
- Feb 26 Gretchen King

- Mar 11 Ruth St. John
- Mar 13 Lucas Finch
- Mar 15 Vi Halder
- Mar 15 Joanne Henley
- Mar 18 Pam Kirkland
- Mar 20 Deb Beltz
- Mar 22 Danny Sommers
- Mar 22 Stacy Sommers #1
- Mar 27 Sarah Collins
- Mar 29 Hainsley Casey
- Mar 29 Kenzie Babcock

HAPPY *wedding*
ANNIVERSARY

Mar Michael Meng &
11 Angela Sommers



Twice As Sweet

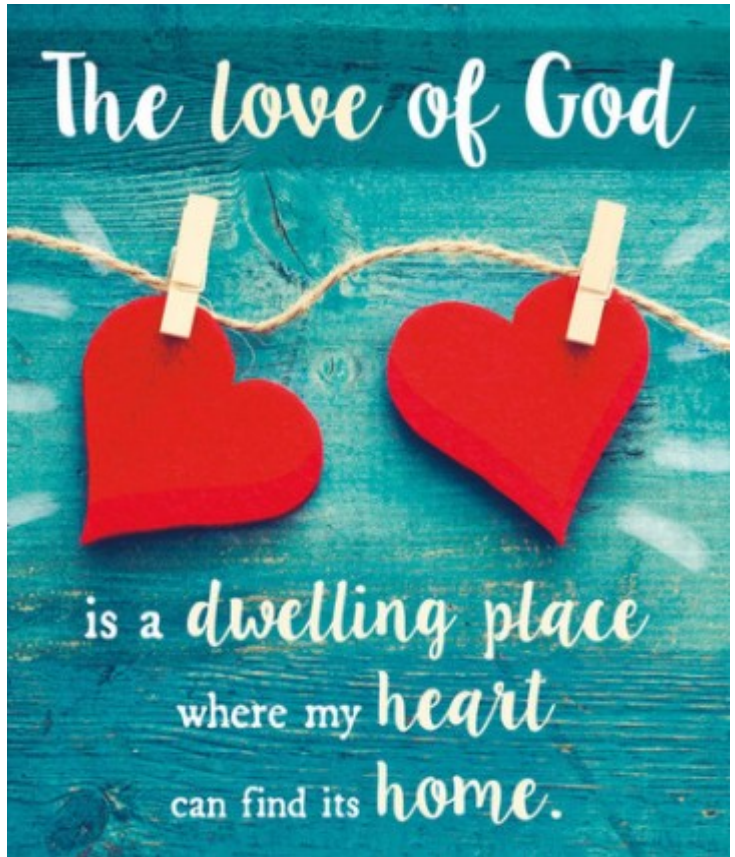
On Valentines Day, we show our love;
We express our deep affections.
Those who are important to us
Get cards and sweet confections.

But Christian love is not just for
The ones we hold most dear;
Jesus said "love everyone;"
He made that very clear.

For Christians, it is every day
We should care and love and serve
Everyone we meet in life,
Whether they do or don't deserve.

Let's follow Jesus' good command
To love everyone we meet.
Valentine's Day every day
Will make life twice as sweet.

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