

## QA: What Is Valentine's Day Really For? by John T Polk II

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

## QUESTION: What is Valentine's Day for?

ANSWER: For florists, chocolate-makers, jewelers to profit.

 Love Invests. If it takes jewelry for a kiss, candy for a smile, or flowers for a hug, your marriage needs fixing. Love doesn't come down to one day a year. Love is a commitment, for

[Love] does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil. (1 Corinthians 13:5)

This applies to both husbands and wives! It is not just up to the man to put life into the marriage. Love is not a burden or a pain, but a consideration, for "love does no harm to a neighbor" (Romans 13:10). Marriage seems to be unpopular, because it is based on love, and love requires commitment and consideration. Fabulous wedding ceremonies do not cancel out long-term effort!

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. (1 John 5:3)

2. **Love Is Not A Valentine.** The idol gods Lupercus and Faunus - the Roman God of Agriculture, and fictional Romulus and Remus, were celebrated with the Feast of Lupercalia. The Roman Catholic Church simply added this to their other adopted idolatry by giving it some association to their church! Valentine's Day is that celebration. Love has been reduced to a day of gifts, cards, candy, and jewelry, but the Bible concept has been entirely lost to the public.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. (John 15:13)

Love is that voluntary choice to see that good is done for others, because "Love does no harm to a neighbor" (Romans 13:10). Not for a day, but for a life.

## 3. What Love Is.

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. (1 John 3:16)

Love is not flowers, candy, jewelry, or sex. This verse both defines and describes what "love" is. It is a voluntary choice and a commitment. Jesus chose to obey God and die for us.

In Wyoming, Illinois, on January 30, 2017, Shelby Ann Carter, forever age 21, strapped her 12-day-old baby in a car seat, broke the 2nd story window of the burning house, and, with her dying breath, tossed her baby to safety. Shelby Ann died of carbon monoxide poisoning. Her mother's love placed the baby's safety above her own. Since Roe v. Wade, with Planned Parenthood's propaganda, 59,000,000 babies have been slaughtered in America — without love! Shelby Ann should be the hero to all women who conceive.

—— jtpll, February 12, 2023