

① A quote by  
Billy Graham

We must be made  
right with God  
before we can become  
sensitive to the needs  
of others. Divine Love,  
like a reflected sunbeam,  
shines down before it  
radiates out.

Unless our hearts  
are conditioned by the  
Holy Spirit to receive  
and reflect God's love  
we cannot love  
our fellowmen as  
we ought

② Taken from our  
Daily Devotional

When we feel alone  
or unheard, God's  
Love is there.

He loves us, not  
from a distance  
but intimately -  
as a compassionate  
Father who knows  
our heart's  
deepest longings  
and whispers  
words of comfort  
to our soul

\*Opening Prayer  
Dean - 2 Songs

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## - No Greater Love -

Yesterday we celebrated Valentine DAY, A day set aside each year for people to express their Love and Friendship. We exchange cards, flowers, candy and such.

Valentine Day, also called Saint Valentine Day, did not come to be celebrated as a day of Romance until the 14<sup>th</sup> century in honor of 2 Christian martyrs, each Named Saint Valentine.

Both Were martyred on Feb. 14 of different years in the Third century.

According to the latest statistics from the National Retail Federation, U.S. Consumers spent a total of 26 Billion Dollars on celebrating the occasion in 2023

The Word "Love" is the most misused word in the English Language.

We say things like --

"I love your outfit

"I love pizza"

"I love my job"

"I love to read or watch TV

I asked some of you on FaceBook to define "Love" in 5 words or less.

This is what you said -

Melody TAYLOR - Love: Finding Peace in the Storm

(The Bible says "Perfect Love casts out Fear")

Marsha Manning - Christians thinking of others

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Bonnie Faulkner - "I made this pie for you"  
Randy Turner - Mom Teaching me to cook

Robbyn Mills - Fresh Sheets off The Clothesline

Forrest - Christ's Blood on the Cross

When Kids were asked the meaning of Love, they gave these answers.

Karl - age 5

Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other

Terri - age 4

Love is what makes you smile when you are tired

Niki - age 6

If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend you hate

Jessica - age 8

You really shouldn't say "I Love You" unless you mean it - But if you mean it, you should say it a lot because people forget

There are 4 different words in the Greek language for LOVE

1. Eros - sensual or romantic Love
2. Phillipia - a deep and close bond - friendship
3. Storgé - Love for Family
4. Agape - the highest form of Love  
- a perfect, unconditional Love  
- Like God's Love for humanity

#1 How does God's Word define Love

188 1818 Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

The whole Bible is a Love Story - God's Love for the human race

IN Spite of our disobedience -  
God Loves us - "The cross is The greatest representative of Love"

(2) ~~1678~~ John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believes in Him should have everlasting life

↓ NOT Perish but

Love is not just a feeling

Love is a Verb and demands Action

\* Read John 21:15-17

Peter had denied the Lord 3 Times - Now Jesus is giving Peter the opportunity to declare his love 3 times.

And Christ let Peter know He had a job for him to do

## \* Matthew 22 - the 2 Greatest Page 4

Commandments - Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind - and the 2nd - Love your neighbor as yourself

### \* John 14:15

Jesus said If you love me, you will keep my commandments -

1931 \* ④ Read 1 JN 2:3-4-5

\* ⑤ Read John 15:9-14

### \* Romans 5:6-8

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man some would even dare to die -

But God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

Remember -

\* So in Conclusion - God chooses to love people → Billy Graham Quote through us

\* Jeremiah 31:3 - I have loved you with an everlasting love

### \* Deuteronomy 33:27

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

#2 ← (insert devotional page)

Don't Forget -

God loves you and so do we