

# Be a Valentine

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Even though it's one day past Valentine's Day, we would be well-served to think about the subject of love and the incomparable Valentine we have received (see below).

God's words for Israel in the Old Testament apply to us as well...

Jeremiah 31:3 The LORD appeared to him from afar, *saying*, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness.

Jesus personally testifies to that love when HE spoke to Nicodemus:

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son [THE Greatest Valentine], that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Paul adds to Jesus' testimony when he writes to the Christians in Rome:

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

Just as Jesus spoke to HIS disciples right before his crucifixion, HIS words are applicable to us today:

John 15:9 "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

John 15:10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

John 15:11 "These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

John 15:12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

I am sure there are times when you do not feel very loved. There are times I do not feel very loved. BUT, how we feel does not change the truth about God's love for us. God, through Paul, makes it very clear, WE ARE LOVED:

[Romans\\_8:35](#) Who will separate us from the **love** of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

[Romans 8:38](#) For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

[Romans\\_8:39](#) nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the **love** of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Nevertheless, there are folks around us (friends, family, co-workers, even strangers God brings in our lives) that do not know or do not feel the love of God as God's word describes above. Though Valentine's Day is past, we have the opportunity this week to share that love.

So-o-o...This week, **BE A VALENTINE:**

[1 John 3:18](#) Little children, let us not **love** with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

Take action this week to share that love. Let folks know they are loved.

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