

“Month of Love”

February 2014

Hymn; Jesus Loves me #123

Scripture: Exodus: 20:1- 6 Mark 12: 28-30

Reflection:

We instinctively think of February as the month of love, not because of god, but because of Valentine’s Day. Being Christians we should think of every month as the month of Love, love of god and love of one another. Some of us however, just think of February as cold and wish it would get over so spring would come. Unlike Christmas or Easter Valentine’s day is not a worldwide celebration. Actually only a small handful of countries, including Canada and the US celebrate it. Seems there were more than one St. Valentine in the Catholic Church and Valentine’s Day celebration was in and out of Christianity’s favour. But you know, our concern is not about Valentine’s Day, although our wives may be concerned, but our concern is about the love of god. Jesus said, when questioned about the Ten Commandments that love is the most important. Many chapters in the New Testament talk about love, especially how important it is to love those we don’t want to, specifically our enemies. Well Jesus does not make life easy for us and not one mention of Valentine’s Day or chocolate. What we have though, is the unquestionable love of God. All we have to do is spread it around.

Discussion:

How hard is to love our enemies?

Do you have someone you just can’t love?

Hymn: Spirit of Gentleness #375

Prayer: Father, who loves us unconditionally, we pray that one day we also may have the ability. Give us the compassion, the desire and the ability to do so. In the name of your son, amen