

“Flowers and Chocolates”

Devotion for February 2015

Hymn: VU 534 I Cannot Dance, O Love

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:8

Reflection:

We all know the experts categorize love in four parts, love from God., love for our families, our neighbours and finally romantic love. February is noted for the 14th, and a guy by the name of St. Valentine is the responsible party. St. Valentine, a Roman Bishop in the second century was put to death for his views, and actions about Christian marriage. I suspect he never imagined Valentine’s Day as we know and celebrate it. Being resourceful and always with money in the forefront, over the years enterprising individuals in the retail industry have really capitalized on St. Valentine’s Day. Well, we just experienced Christmas with Jesus touting love for all and now we are hit with Valentine’s Day where romantic love has taken over. Somehow I don’t think Jesus nor St. Valentine envisioned flowers and chocolates as symbols of love. I don’t think anyone though, is against love for one’s spouse, nor upset about chocolates and roses, but presumably love to Jesus and St. Valentine was something much bigger and far more encompassing.

Discussion: Would either approve of St. Valentine’s Day?

Scripture: John 13:34-35

Hymn. VU 419 May the grace of Christ

Prayer: May the love of God permeate our souls, our minds and our thoughts so that we may truly love as Jesus taught. amen