

THE LOVE GIFT OF SALVATION

John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

February is the month of love. Red and pink heart shaped candy boxes all filled with decadent chocolates of all kind. Chocolate filled with truffles, cherries, nuts and chews, and don't forget that popular caramel, so good. Beautiful cards for loved ones, spouses, children, and friends. For every person we feel has a special place in our hearts, this is the day we show our appreciation and love. Roses are sold at a very high price. But for some reason at this time of the month, Valentine's Day, no one seems to mind spending their money for flowers that will cost even more next year and only last for a few days. It is a fun and exciting day, but is it real love?

I am drawn to the scripture in John 3, where Nicodemus has a conversation with Jesus. You see, Nicodemus was a Pharisee, an educated man of the Law of Moses. Late, one night he slips off to inquire of Jesus. “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who comes from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Nicodemus marveled at the things he had witnessed. Jesus said to him, you must be born again. Jesus was offering the love gift of Salvation. “Most assuredly, I say to you unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”

In its spiritual nature, the kingdom of God is the salvation of His people, and the forgiveness of sin. Those who are forgiven must also forgive others. Participation in the new reality of the kingdom involves the follower of Jesus to live in a call of the highest righteousness.

When we profess Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we become part of the kingdom of God; joint heirs with Christ, receive eternal life and fellowship with God.

Yes, expensive flowers cost, but Jesus gladly paid the price once and for all with His shed blood.

The love gift of salvation keeps on giving, it never runs out. “For God gave us the best true gift of love in His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.”

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