

THE HIGH COST OF LOVE

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” **Romans 5:8 (NIV)**

During February, “The Month of Love,” people all around the world will spend an overwhelming amount of money to *show* their love to one another on February 14th, Valentine’s Day. In just a few more days, loved ones, significant others, as well as this month’s “Boo” will dig deep into their pockets to *show* each other just how much “*I love you!*” According to author Thomas a’ Kempis, “Whoever loves much, does much!” His quote seems to bear a ring of truth when we consider the fact that in the United States alone, Americans spent over 20 billion dollars last year on flowers, candy, jewelry and other objects of affection. Really, 20 billion dollars!? Yes, for flowers that soon withered away, candy that was eaten or thrown away due to the current diabetes scare and jewelry that either was returned to the jeweler or is sitting in the corner of a dresser drawer somewhere! When you think about it that is a mighty high cost to pay just to *demonstrate* your love for a day!

I’m reminded of someone else who paid an even higher cost to *demonstrate* His love for all of mankind and not for just one day, but for all eternity. His name is Jesus, and that love cost Him His life. He was beaten, bruised, buried and brought back to life all because He wanted to *show* us just how much “*I love you!*” Some call Him Messiah, Rabbi (Teacher), the Everlasting Father or The Prince of Peace. I simply call Him Savior because while I was yet slipping, sliding, dipping and hiding in my mess, He didn’t judge me nor did He turn me away; instead, He gave His life that I might live. A dozen red roses couldn’t do it. The finest box of chocolates wouldn’t do it. Only the precious blood of the Lamb of God could rescue me from the pit of an eternal burning hell. There is no greater love than a man would lay down His life for a friend. The only thing He asked in return is that we *show* Him how much we *love Him* by *demonstrating* how much we *love others*.

Yes, it’s another February and everybody is searching for that *ONE LOVE*, that very *SPECIAL LOVE*. You know, the kind of love that makes your heart sing. Oh yes, that kind of love that makes your heart scream. Well, I found my *One Love*, in fact, He found me! “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (**Romans 5:8**).

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