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Source February 2010 Newsletter

Dear friend of the family and the innocent,

February is always a special time for me because I am a big romantic. To me Valentine's Day is a big holiday, although not as much as Thanksgiving, Christmas < New Year's Day or birthdays, nevertheless I consider it a special holiday because I can focus on LOVE!

Love is the most important ingredient in our lives. It gives and brings us life. It is the reason for our being here on earth. It is the energy that moves us in positive ways. As St Paul described love in his most famous passage in 1Cor 13:1-13, it has so many attributes that we need to pay attention to.

The John 3:16 passage is very familiar to most everyone who watches sports on TV or in the stadiums and arenas where people flash a placard on that passage. We have to read the whole passage in its entirety to have the complete picture of what it means. It is a very reassuring passage for the believer of Christ but an ominous one for the unbeliever.

However, we find in other biblical passages how much God loves us despite our continued shortcomings, which is embodied in the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Lk 15:13-32) and the Pardon of the Woman Who Committed Adultery (Jn 8:1-11). In these instances, Jesus shows that God has an enormous love for his people even when we commit grave sins. In the Old Testament, particularly in Judges, God continue to raise up judges to rule the people of Israel and Judah. He would always listen to their plea especially when the judges were bad or when the people still have their idols or consistently "did what he thought best" without obedience to God's commandments. Time and time again, we see God as faithful and patient to his people despite their transgressions.

During our present days, God still continue to forgive and be faithful to his people even when we do things contrary to his laws, especially when we show repentance_ he accepts it and gives his forgiveness and a second chance.

When someone performs abortion or chooses abortion, God forgives the sin and the sinner when we ask for forgiveness and He heals the sinfulness and makes us new wineskins.

May all of us show love for God, our families, friends, communities and strangers because God is the reason for our being! Happy Valentine's Day!

Annie Karns

SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY. John 3:16-19. For God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. Whosoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world....