

## Valentine's Day

The modern holiday of Valentine's Day began in the 1800s, although the historical roots go back to just after the time of Christ. The holiday next week will consist of exchanging cards, candy, and undoubtedly participating in romantic dinners and dates. One of the nicest parts of the day is the fact that you get to show your love to the person you care about -- even though you should be doing that more than once a year!

How do you show your love to your significant other? By telling them? Perhaps. Chances are, you show your love by actually doing something for the person you love. Have you ever thought that God would be the same? You show your love to God by doing something! The Lord said, *"If ye love me, keep my commandments"* (John 14:15). John added, *"But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him"* (1 John 2:5).

Do you have any idea how many people proclaim that they love God but they cannot be bothered to do anything in His service? They say they are "religious" and "spiritual," but they never devote any time to learning more about the Bible, praying, serving other people, refraining from sin, and regularly worshiping with His saints. Just like God wants you to show your faith by your works (*"Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works"* [James 2:18]), God wants you to show your love by your obedience. We easily see the concept as it applies to Valentine's Day, what about God? Will you follow Him? If you would like to know more about how to do this, please contact us for a study.

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