

Be Mine ♥♥♥



February 14 God's Love

February 21 Our Love

February 28 "Other" Love

Love is one of the most  
overused and imprecise words



Culture has diluted the Biblical  
meaning of LOVE

# What we believe about LOVE

Affects our ability to give & receive it

Colors what we hope and pray for

Directs the way we live everyday

Attempts to both give love and receive love often fall short

We love the wrong people or the right ones badly

We fail to return love or receive love offered poorly

We measure ourselves by our love success/failure

We give and accept love by works rather than grace

Impossible to see into another's heart...barely acquainted with our own

Often lack wisdom to love and courage to love faithfully when it is hard, costly,  
lonely

Need to be loved and to love is basic to humanity—obsessed over, can be total  
bliss or total despair

The LOVE of God must be the starting point....the perfect example

God's love for us defines and makes LOVE possible

LOVE of God is the heart of Christian life from which all flows

Genesis 3:21

Deuteronomy 7:7-9

Hosea 11

The persistent and tender love of God despite Israel's continual rejection and betrayal binds God to Israel.

OT writers used every possible means to express the breadth, warmth, and unshakable persistence of God's love:

Poetry, parable, metaphor, story.....devotion of a mother, tender lovers, eager bridegroom, faithful husband, loving father, devoted shepherd

Love is not always soft. Love between God and humankind anything but smooth.....saga full of failure and rebellion.....God responds often with grief and anger

Deuteronomy 6: 4-7



Mark 12: 28-31

1John 4:7-12

HOW did Jesus extend love?.....