



Love is in the Air

By Pastor Jeff



Red roses, heart shaped boxes of chocolates, expressive cards and romantic dinners out all remind us that Valentines a day is coming. It is wonderful for love to be in the air during this season of the year.

However, as believers in the Lord Jesus, love is always in the air. The love of Jesus for us and our love for Him should impact our lives every day in at least three ways:

First love sanctifies. Jesus repeatedly stated that our love for Him should be our motivation for holiness and obedience.

John 14:21 *He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."*

John 15:10 *If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.*

Secondly, love sacrificially services. In John 15:12, the Lord Jesus told us we are to love one another just as he loved. *Greater love has no one than this that one lay down his life for his friends.*

Finally love shares the message of the gospel. Consider how Paul was gripped with Jesus' love for him. That love compelled Paul to tell others about Jesus.

14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; 15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. (II Cor. 5:13-14)

Love is in the air when we want to obey Jesus, serve others and share the message of the gospel out of Jesus' love for us and our love for Him.

Looking Ahead

Don't forget our Valentine Social on Saturday the 14th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. We will be meeting for dessert, fun and the movie, "The Song", at the Applewood Club House in Fogelsville. Come and renew your love, for each other and share the love of Jesus by inviting someone to join you.

On Personal Note

It is so hard to believe that Lorie and I are completing our first year with the Mountain View Family. We feel that this has been one of the most impactful and enjoyable years of ministry in 30 years of pastoral service! We want to thank you for your love, your desire to grow, and your hunger for God's word. Thank you for your recent approval of myself as your permeate pastor. I see this as sacred trust and great honor. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of continued growth in our relationships, ministry, operations and the reaching of new souls for eternity. In His Love,

Pastor Jeff and Lorie