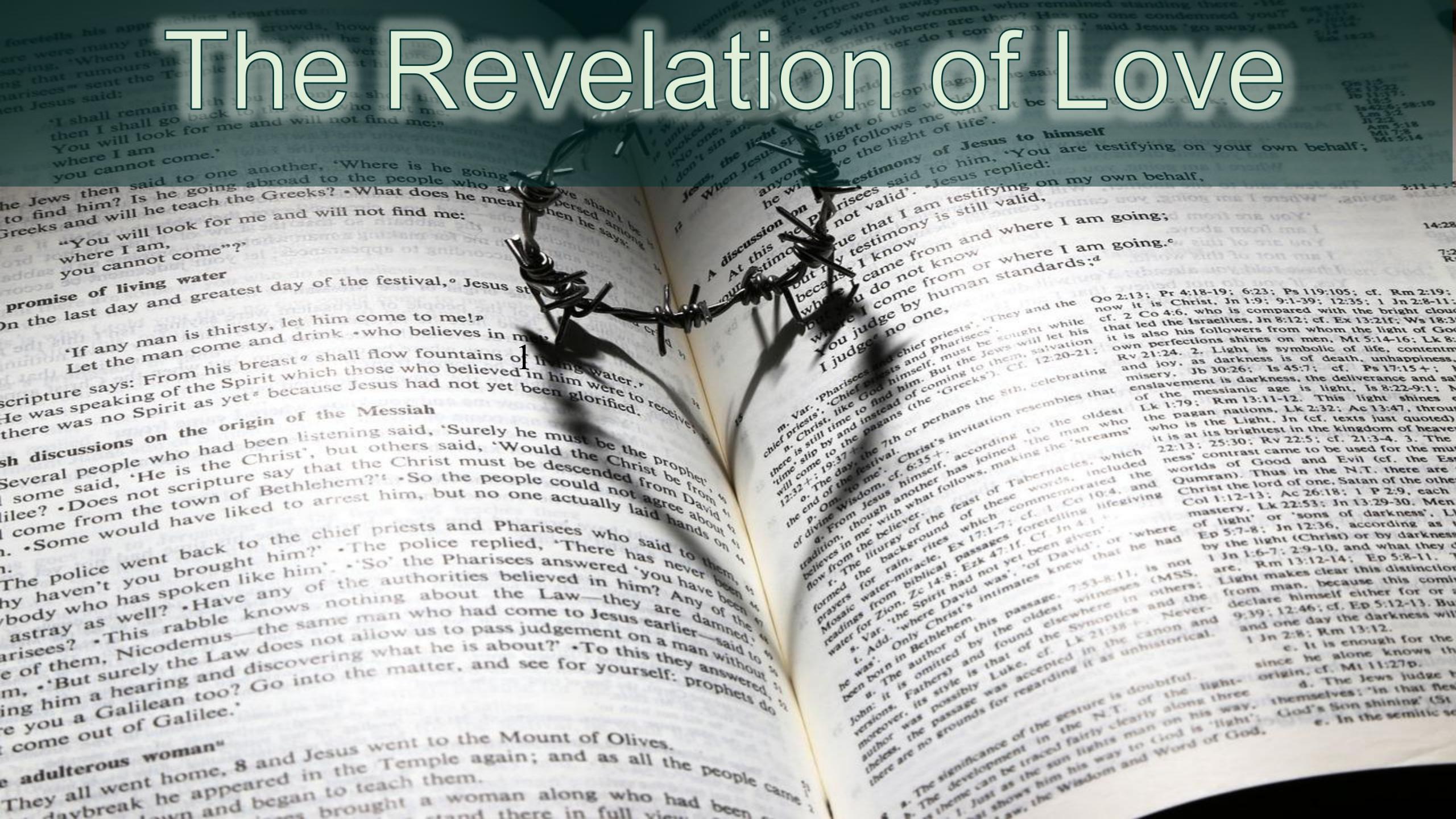


The Revelation of Love



The Origin of Valentine's Day

- Valentine was a Bishop in Italy in the 3rd century
- Born in 226 AD
- Martyred on February 14, 269

On February 14, Valentine Demonstrated the Greatest Love

Joh 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

What is Love

Agape
Phileo
Eros



Agape (Intrinsic worth)

Agape values people as creations
in the image of God.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that
he gave his only begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in him should not
perish, but have everlasting life.

Phileo (Brotherly Love)

Phileo is familial love to relatives and close friends.

1Jn 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

Eros (Romantic Love)

- Eros is romantic/sexual love.
- Eros is to be done in the complementarity of marriage.

Eph 5:25-32 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it... ... (31) For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. (32) This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Genuine Agape

1Co 13:1-3 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. (2) And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity[Agape], I am nothing. (3) And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity[Agape], it profiteth me nothing.

Marks of Agape Love

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Charity[Agape] suffereth long,
and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not
itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself
unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily
provoked, thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity,
but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things,
believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all
things.

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1Co 13:8-10 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. (9) For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. (10) But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

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1Co 13:11-13 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. (12) For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. (13) And now abideth faith, hope, charity[Agape], these three; but the greatest of these is charity[Agape].

A dark, atmospheric forest scene. In the foreground, a single tree with a dense canopy of vibrant red leaves forms a perfect heart shape. The ground is covered with fallen red leaves. In the background, several tall, thin trees stand in a row under a dark sky.

Happy
Valentines
Day