

Daily Devotion For February 14, 2023

Jesus said, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35

Today is Valentine's Day and I hope that your day is filled with love. The love that comes to us from our Father in Heaven and also flows from us into the hearts and lives of others.

In John 13:35, Jesus didn't say others would know that we are Christians if we wear a cross as a piece of jewelry or have a Christian bumper sticker or a T-Shirt that says HE>I. Jesus says that people will know that we are followers of Jesus by our love.

What does this love look like? The apostle Paul wrote in I Corinthians 13:4-8 a few of the characteristics of love. He writes: "⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails."

Thought For Today: Replace the word "Love" in this passage with the name of Jesus. This tells us what type of person that Jesus is. Next, replace your name where it says "Love" and make it a question. Are you patient? Are you kind? etc. In what areas do you need to grow in love?

Today's Prayer Focus: Thank God for His love made known to us by Jesus. Pray that your life and the life of El Estero will be characterized by love. Continued prayers for those in our church family that need God's strengthening and healing touch. Deo Volente.