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Newsletter Editor’s Message

The month of February is noted for several celebrations, President’s Day and Valentine’s Day among them. We’ve heard enough lately about presidents, so let’s focus on valentines. The information below was taken from a ‘Becomingchristians.com’ web site about the origin and the position the Catholic Church has taken regarding Valentine’s Day. I found the information, shall we just say, informative. Maybe you will too. Read on...

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It’s February! It’s that time of the year where the prices of the flowers, chocolates, greeting cards, dating places, and many others go up. According to some statistics, Valentine’s Day is one of the costliest world holidays around the globe along with Christmas, Halloween, and Easter. And when you start to think about it, all of these holidays have its roots in paganism!

Valentine’s Day is derived from the ancient pagan Roman celebration of Lupercalia, which is a fertility festival. This festival is commonly associated with immoral sexual activities, orgies, gluttony, and drunkenness. At the end of the festival, young men will draw young ladies’ names from a box and the two will become sexual partners until the next festival.

The Catholic Church attempted to overthrow the growing popularity of this pagan holiday. So they came up with a clever idea and they connected the date with a Saint Valentine of whom we really don’t know who he really was. In the late 1800s, Valentine’s Day began to be popular, thanks to the people who would like to commercialize the tradition, and they were very successful at it. They promote the day as the day you NEED to show your love through spending lots of money.

We need to realize that Valentine’s Day promotes the wrong type of love. You might even argue that you are observing the day simply just to love your partner. However, if you try to rely on your rationalism rather than relying on God, then you are *a god of our own self*. Valentine’s Day is pagan and so it should never be celebrated. Society may pressure you to do so, but you need to please God rather than men. Be Christian enough, and that will stand against false tradition that glorifies Satan. Show your love everyday and never limit your love in Valentine’s Day. Know the truth, live the truth, and the truth will set you free.

--- Wow! Really? So, are you still planning to celebrate Valentine’s Day? ---