

## **CELEBRATING THE LOVE OF THE MASTER**

### **Isaiah 53:7-12**

The greatest love story ever told is found in the Bible. The Old Testament points toward God's revealed love in the person of Jesus the Christ. The New Testament reveals this great love as we look at Christ's service, support and sacrifice all wrapped up in the name of love. Unfortunately, too many Christians fail to share the story about the love of the Master whose name is Jesus. His message is still relevant. He came to seek and to save those who are lost. The lost are those who do not understand their purpose in life. The lost are those who rebel against God. The lost are those who are alienated from the God who created them and do not know Him.

Every Christian should learn to tell the story of the Master's love and share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Memorize a few scriptures to share with the lost: John 3:16, 17; II Corinthians 5:17; Romans 5:8. Before we celebrate Valentine's Day, Heart Month and Black History Month, let me remind you that we should celebrate the greatest love story ever told. That is that Jesus paid the price for our sins by dying on a cruel cross so that our sins are forgiven. He died to release us from guilt and condemnation so that we can have peace with God, ourselves and others. He rose from the grave so that we can learn to love God, others and ourselves properly. Jesus lives so that we can experience the abundant life which prepares us for eternal life.

Let me share with you three reasons why we should Celebrate the Love of the Master.

1. His Love Meets us in Silence.
  - A. Silence in crisis
  - B. Silence to hear from Christ
  
2. His Love Greets us in Salvation.
  - A. Salvation that affirms oneself
  - B. Salvation that atones for our sins
  
3. His Love Keeps us Secure.
  - A. Secure in His peace
  - B. Secure in His presence