



## Valentine's Day

**Colossians 2:8** Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and **vain deceit**, after the **tradition of men**, after the rudiments of the world, and **not after Christ**.

### **Lupercalia**

(festival of sexual license)

**Hebrews 13:4** Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but **whoremongers and adulterers God will judge**.

Ancient Roman festival that was conducted annually on **February 15** under the superintendence of a **corporation of priests called Luperi** (young men and priest).

**Daniel 8:25** And through his **policy** also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand;

**Exodus 30:30** And thou shalt anoint **Aaron** and his **sons**, and **consecrate them**, that **they may minister unto me in the priest's office**.

The origins of the festival are obscure, although the likely derivation of its **name from lupus** (Latin: "wolf") has variously suggested connection with an ancient deity who protected herds from wolves and with **the legendary she-wolf Juno-Lupa the God of fertility, husbandry, and crops, who nursed Romulus and Remus**.

**Isaiah 45:5** I am the LORD, and **there is none else**, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though **thou hast not known me**:



Juno Februata Goddess of Februs "fever" of love, women, and marriage. **As a fertility rite, the festival is also associated with the god Faunus**. Each Lupercalia began **with the sacrifice** by the Luperi of goats and a dog, after which two of the Luperi were led to the altar, their foreheads were touched with a bloody knife, and the blood was wiped off with **wool** dipped in milk; the ritual required that the two young men laugh. The sacrificial **feast** followed, after which the **Luperi cut thongs from the skins of the sacrificial animals and ran in two bands around the Palatine hill, striking with the thongs at any woman who came near them**. A blow from the thong **was supposed to render a woman fertile** and ensure ease of child birth. In 494 C.E. the Christian church under Pope **Gelasius I** appropriated the form of the rite as **the Feast of the Purification**.

**Amos 5:21** I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.

**2Kings 17:35** With whom the LORD had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them:



In 469 C.E Emperor **Gelasius** declared February 14 in honor of **Valentinus** who was said to have been jailed by Emperor **Claudius the 2<sup>nd</sup>** who put a ban on marriage because only single men had to enlist in the army. So to avoid enlisting, young men would marry instead. **Valentinus** secretly married young couples and was caught and sentenced to death and letters were sent to him by young lovers up until his execution in on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Teens would do the same thing on February 14 write their name on paper put it in a box join in erotic games and become a “couple” for the rest of the year. After which they were no longer required to stay together.

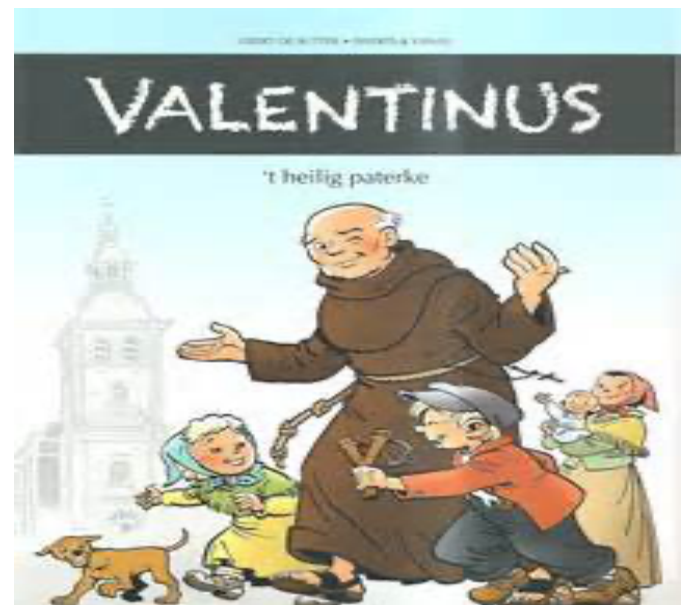
**Ex. 22:16 ¶** And if a man entice a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with her, **he shall surely endow her to be his wife.**

**1Corinthians 6:9-10 [9]** Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: **neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, [10]** Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, **shall inherit the kingdom of God.**

### “Valentine’s” Day

**Valentines Day**, also called **St. Valentine’s Day**, day (February 14) when lovers express their affection with greetings and gifts. Although there were several Christian martyrs named Valentine, the day probably took its name from a priest who was martyred about ad 270 by the

emperor **Claudius II Gothicus**. According to legend, the priest signed a letter to his jailer’s daughter, whom he had befriended and with whom he had fallen in love, “from your Valentine.”



The **holiday** also had origins in the Roman festival of **Lupercalia**, held in mid-February. The **festival**, which celebrated the coming of spring, included fertility rites and the pairing off of women with men by lottery.

**Deut. 23:17** There shall be **no whore of the daughters of Israel**, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel.

At the end of the 5th century, **Pope Gelasius I** replaced **Lupercalia** with **St. Valentine’s Day**. It came to be celebrated as a day of romance from about the 14th century. Formal messages, or valentines, appeared in the 1500s, and by the late 1700s commercially printed cards were being used. The first commercial valentines in the **United States** were printed in the mid-1800s. **Valentines** commonly depicts **Cupid**, (a naked child) the Roman god of love, along with hearts, traditionally the seat of emotion.



**2Chronicles 9:8** Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, *to be king for the LORD thy God*: because thy **God loved Israel, to establish them for ever**, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment and justice.

Venus (Simiramis) was the mother of cupid (Nimrod), from Latin word cupido meaning desire. Nimrod was called cupid as a child, Nimrod's mother, Venus desired or lusted after her son. This attributed to her being known as the goddess of sexual immorality.

**Lev. 18:6-7 [6]** None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover *their* nakedness: I am the LORD. **[7]** The nakedness of **thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover**: she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.



It was thought that their mating season began in mid-February; birds also became a symbol of the day.

**Deut. 11:16** Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;

Traditional gifts include candy and flowers, particularly red roses, a symbol of beauty and love.

**Mark 7:9** And he said unto them, **Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.**

The day is popular in the United States as well as in Britain, Canada, and Australia, and it also is celebrated in other countries, including [France](#) and [Mexico](#). It has expanded to expressions of affection among relatives and friends. Many schoolchildren exchange valentines with one another on this day. Catholic Church replaced Lupercalia with St. Valentine's day and fabricated the story of a martyred priest who signed his letters, "with love from St. Valentine." **Lottery of lovers replaced with saints and young men and women replaced with saints.**

**Mark 7:6** He answered and said unto them, **Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with *their* lips, but their heart is far from me.**

**Matt. 15:3** But he answered and said unto them, **Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?**





## **Faunus**

**Faunus**, ancient Italian rural deity whose attributes in Classical Roman times were identified with those of the Greek god **Pan**.

**Deut. 29:26** For they went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods whom they knew not, and *whom* he had not given unto them:

Faunus was originally worshipped throughout the countryside as a bestower of fruitfulness on fields and flocks. He eventually became primarily a woodland deity, the sounds of the forest being regarded as his voice. A grandson of **Saturn**, Faunus was typically represented as half man, half goat, in imitation of the Greek Satyr, in the company of similar creatures, known as fauns. Faunus was the father of **Latinus**, who was king of the Latin's when **Aeneas** arrived in Italy. According to Virgil's *Aeneid*, Faunus told Latinus to give his daughter, Lavinia, in marriage to a foreigner—i.e., Aeneas. Like **Pan**, Faunus was associated with merriment, and his twice-yearly festivals were marked by revelry and abandon. At the **Lupercalia**, a celebration of fertility held partly in his honor each February in Rome well into the Common Era, youths clothed as goats ran through the streets wielding strips of goatskin.

## **What is Love?**

**Jeremiah 17:9-10** [9]The heart *is* deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? [10] I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, *and* according to the fruit of his doings.

**Deuteronomy 10:12** And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

**1John 3:18** My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

**Psalms 119:142** Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.

**John 14:15** If ye love me, keep my commandments.

**1John 5:3** For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous

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