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CHOSEN BIBLICAL New Testament SCRIPTURE-

This month's **coloured attachment** scripture is **1 THESSALONIANS 3:12**

"MAY THE LORD MAKE YOUR LOVE GROW"

Human love is patterned on God' love. There is great power in love. **God is the source of love.** Christians are to be abundantly full of the love of Christ and persistently show His love for each other, so that it overflows actively towards them. **Christians express their love for one another by caring and praying for the sick, in helping with the needs of their fellow Christians.** Christians also demonstrate their love for each other by affectionate greetings.

There is a never-ending supply of love from God that enables love to be continually growing. Christ told His disciples that His followers would be identified by their genuine love for one another. Caring commitments are grounded in the nature of God. He defines the direction in which love develops.

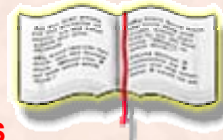
Character and value of love offers the understanding of its source. **Love is part of The Holy Spirit's fruit. Love breaks down barriers of resentment.** Scripture promotes the love of God, family, for each other and for country. God's people are to love and forgive their enemies.

The love believers are to have for each other that overlooks offences. **God has taken the initiative in showing love by giving.** Love maintains fellowship and promotes sacrificial service. God's people are to be known by their love.

Interesting Bible Facts



CHRIST AS SEEN IN THE BOOK



OF 1 THESSALONIANS

Jesus is The Believer's Hope, The Sanctified and Coming One, The Perfect Rewarder.

- **BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE-** Did you know that the pregnancy of a virgin was the first miracle recorded in The New Testament? The birth of Jesus was a miracle also, and a few miracles happened before He was born. Jesus Christ was born of the virgin as prophesied. Mary, who was with child through The Holy Spirit was obedient to the Will of God.

There is a Colouring In depiction of the angel Gabriel telling Mary what is about to happen

at <http://www.tne.net.au/~abdaacts/anmary.html>



A SEPTEMBER EVENT- Born about 500 years after Christ, provided family wealth and rank, Gregory became mayor of Rome at 33. He gave his inheritance to the church and the poor, turned his mansion into a monastery, and became a monk. He was consecrated as Pope Gregory I on September 3, 590, and did much good and bad. He had been burdened for the evangelization of England since British boys being sold in the Roman slave markets and sent evangelists to the British Isles. Gregory also appointed competent men as church leaders, and he fought apostasy. He encouraged the many to turn from heresy to mainstream principles. He wrote evangelistic tracts to barbarian tribes, and upheld biblical morality, prepared a training manual for clergy, wrote liturgy and popularized the Gregorian chant. But Gregory also established the dogmas of purgatory and the Mass. He encouraged the worship of relics (the remains of deceased Christians), and popularized unlikely legends about past believers. He glorified the history and held tradition equal with Scripture. Irresponsibly he described reckless

symbolic lessons from the pages of the Bible. Gregory assumed broad civil control ruling most of Italy while enlisting an army. He ransomed captured individuals, collected taxes and supplied food and services to the poor. He turned the church into the state. Gregory became the father of the medieval papacy—with all the good and bad that that entailed.



God Bless.

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Father God, Thank You that The Holy Spirit makes our hearts receptive to You, for He changes our selfish ways and gives us the right attitude of mind and heart as we submit ourselves to Him. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

