

## Love is Sublime

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Valentine's Day for many becomes an occasion to express sentiments of love and affection to friends, family and/or sweethearts. Decorations, heart-shaped candy and chocolates, cards, stuffed animals, jewelry, flowers and what not are given and received in the color of passionate love: **red**. Have you been on the receiving end of such gifts and found that love is sublime?

I can say love is sublime in spite of any grief, bad weather or circumstance that may be in my life. Sometimes, it is a matter of my intentionally focusing on the love that Christ has given to me through his perfect sacrifice. Red is the color of His blood that He shed for my sins.

***"...Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow."*** (Isaiah 1:18 NIV)

Because of God's mercy and grace, I have humbly received the gifts of forgiveness, cleansing, salvation, restoration, sanctification and transformation. Love is sublime when Jesus dwells within and what's more, He promises to never leave or forsake me. His comforting Presence and Peace sustain me. His abiding love is bliss. Love is sublime.

On this Valentine's Day, there is a winter storm blasting about. I looked out the back door window thinking I may have to start up the snow-blower and put it to use. What I saw was a reminder of the wonders of an amazing God. Salt had been thrown down the day before leaving small patches of cement visible amidst the accumulating snow on the apron in front of the garage. One patch was in the shape of a heart. I think this rare occurrence of snow that melted leaving the shape of a heart is an extra special token of His love, a visible Valentine to me. Yes, love is sublime.

