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Dear Friend,

Have you ever “Googled” the word love? It’s amazing! When I tried it, it took only .07 seconds for 6,830,000,000 links to appear – that’s over 6.8 billion links to LOVE. Obviously I didn’t take time to look up all the links, but I did look at the first page on my computer. The Wikipedia definition of Love made it on the first page of links, in addition to the Dictionary.com definition, which is: “a profoundly tender, passionate affection for another person; a feeling of warm personal attachment or deep affection, as for a parent, child…” Nice. I like definitions.

Also, on the first page of Google links to “Love” was the Cirque du Soleil Beatles show called “Love” and the link to a “Love Calculator,” which promises to
help you calculate the chance of a successful relationship between two people. That was kind of interesting. I wish I had time to look at all the links, but it would take several lifetimes!

It would be fun to peruse “How to Love” from WikiHow.com or look up pretty love poems from the love poems and quotes website. But I stayed on the first page, quite overwhelmed by the thought of 6.8 billion links to love.

Then I began to wonder . . . Where in the 6.8 billion would I find the text from 1 John 4:10: “In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent his son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.” And where would Google list the greatest “Love” text of all time – John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son.” There’s so much LOVE in the Bible. I sure hope Google has all the amazing texts about God’s love listed somewhere in there.

Thinking about the word “Love” makes me think about the text from the book of Romans that Pastor Kinsey uses to end each radio broadcast – nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord! What an amazing concept – we are connected to God through love and love only, and absolutely nothing can separate us from that love! Doesn’t that alone make you excited? Doesn’t that alone make you want to tell someone else about the love of God?

Voice of Prophecy is doing just that! We share God’s love every day – through the Discover Bible Guides, and through our biblical, inspiring, encouraging radio broadcasts. Who needs Google to direct us how to love when we have God’s Word – His love letter to His children?
You’ve probably heard about our current outreach, sharing God’s love in Alaska. Every family in that immense state has received a card inviting them to study the Bible with one of our correspondence courses. We want every Alaskan and each man, woman, and child all over this planet to experience God’s love for themselves! Won’t you help us make that possible?

As always, we need your prayer support and your continued financial support to make that dream a reality – taking the message of God’s love to a planet desperately in need of His healing love.

Sometimes we throw the word love around quite flippantly. It seems like a complicated word. But it’s not. It’s quite simple. Consider this: 1 John 4:7 states, “Love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.” I’m being kind of literal, I know, but just think about it – 6.8 billion links to love could potentially mean 6.8 billion links to God! That may be a stretch, but just ponder it for a moment.

We’re talking Unconditional Love here. No strings attached. Love and salvation for free. That’s some seriously good news, don’t you think? That kind of love deserves way more than 6.8 billion links! Today, I’m giving thanks for God’s amazing Love! Will you join me?

February is a time when people’s thoughts turn to love, hearts, and flowers, and the joy that human love can bring. We’re all in favor of that, and we want to add God’s love into the mix. When you send a gift of $25 or more this month, we’d like to send you Hyveth Williams’ wonderful book Secret of a Happy Heart to bring
a little extra God-given joy into your life. Based on Jesus’ Beatitudes, the book shares the Savior’s secrets for joy-filled living.

I hope you’ll consider making a special sacrificial love gift to Voice of Prophecy this month. We desperately long to share this amazing gospel message with the world – the message that nothing can separate us from the love of God! Then, the greatest love event in earth’s history will happen – He will return and take us home to live with Him . . . forever! I cannot wait for that day. How about you?

In His Love,

Connie Vandeman Jeffery
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P.S Your gift this month is essential to us as we continue sharing Bible lessons with Alaskans and other seekers all around the world. If your gift is $25 or more, we’ll send you a copy of Secrets of a Happy Heart by Hyveth Williams.

P.P.S. You can also give at our web page www.vop.com/give. Be sure to request Hyveth’s book in the Comments section if your gift is $25 or more. Thank you very much for your kind generosity!