

Times Remembered
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Ice Cream Memories

Do you remember the first time you tasted ice-cream? I guess I was probably too young to remember my very first bite, but I do recall eating a vanilla, Dixie Cup ice cream when I was very young. I have many ice-cream memories of the smooth, cool, creamy concoction.

My best memories of ice-cream were at Zesto, a dairy bar on Chestnut Street in Irvine in the late 50s and 60s. Zesto closed years ago; but we still have The Twin.

My sister worked at Zesto when she was going to high school; so I got to see first-hand how you made the swirly ice cream cone;

I ate my share of those. I go to the Twin and Burger Barn for soft serve ice cream these days. For hand dipped ice cream; the best ice cream locally is West Irvine Plaza. Pralines and Cream flavor is my favorite flavor; it is awesome.

Do you remember the first ice-cream trucks? They were a joyful sight to all kids when they came driving down the street, ringing the mesmerizing bell, alerting all the kids to come out and get ice-cream. The truck was orange, yellow and turquoise colored with pictures of tantalizing ice-cream and popsicles painted on it.

My favorite was vanilla on a stick, with a hard chocolate shell that cracked when I bit into it. Many days while I lived in Texas the ice cream truck came by; something I didn't have back home since I lived in the country.

Rowlands Drug Store on Main Street in Irvine had the best hand dipped ice cream in town in the 50s and 60s. I'd walk up to the counter and order a double dip of a strawberry in a cone, but chocolate was second choice. Pralines and Cream is my favorite now.

However, my most nostalgic ice-cream memory is from my mother's kitchen. On steamy warm summer days, my mother

would make icebox ice cream, as she called it. She bought small packages of "Junket" ice cream mix that she mixed with cream, vanilla, etc. The mix came in flavors of vanilla, strawberry and chocolate.

At that time we had a Leonard refrigerator with a freezer compartment that would accommodate two double metal ice trays. Mom would take the middle inserts out of the ice trays, discard the ice and pour the mixture into the trays. After the mixture froze for about an hour she would mix it up to remove the ice crystals that had formed and made the texture more like ice-cream. Then it was refroze for a couple of hours.

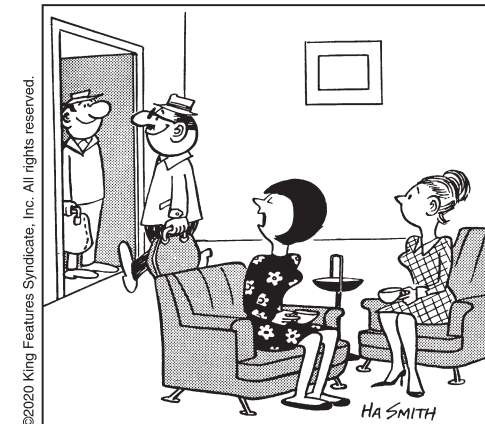
After we ate all our dinner, Mom would serve the ice-cream in pretty glass bowls. It didn't taste like store bought ice-cream, but it was so refreshing and creamy. I can almost taste it now! Its sweetness and cool, velvety feel on my tongue made it the most satisfying food I ever tasted.

I do indulge in ice-cream from time to time, my favorite store bought ice-cream is Breyers; It's all natural.

I am filled with memories from my childhood. I relish every creamy bite and reminisce about the care free days of my youth, when I could eat tons of ice-cream without remorse.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Blend
LEMING

Band
GREAHT

Avoid
REGION

Facade
TEDIOUS

TODAY'S WORD

"Sidney is very _____ every night he's going bowling or going out to the fights..."

What's Love Got to Do With It?

Sunday, July 12th, 2020 Morning Message
Bro. Warren Rogers, Ivory Hill Baptist Church

Based on John 15:9-17

The word "love" is used 311 times in the Bible; loved - 98 times; loveth - 65 times; and loves - three times.

Love is the strongest emotion anyone can feel. We find in **John 15, verses 12 and 17**, that "to love" is not a suggestion but a commandment.

"¹²This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you."

"¹⁷These things I command you, that ye love one another."

In **Matthew 22:36-39**, here we find that it is the greatest commandment after Jesus was asked, "Master, which is the great commandment in the law?" He answered them saying, "*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*" ³⁸This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹And the second is like unto it, *Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*"

Jesus had an everlasting determination to practice genuine love toward those he came in contact with. If we want to be true followers of Christ, we must see life as an opportunity to love.

1 John 4:7-11, tells us that God is the definition of love. Without God, love does not exist. God's love is indestructible, undeserved, compassionate, and a gift.

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. ⁸He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. ⁹In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. ¹⁰Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."

Ephesians 5:25 says, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it."

Verse 33 adds, "Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband."

The Greek language had four different words for love:

#1 Storge - refers to natural family love,
#2 Eros is a sensual love - on this level it is often selfish,

#3 Philia refers to a friendship love or respect love, without any romantic content, much like our love for our Christian brothers and sisters.

#4 Agape is self-giving, Christ-like love such as in **John 3:16**, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

There are four things about love:

#1 It is a lesson we all should learn and Jesus is the teacher.

#2 Christian love is a habit we all should practice.

#3 Christian love is a commandment we all should obey. Loving others is a commandment, not an option.

#4 Christian love is a principle we all should follow. When Jesus gave this command to love, he was talking to believers. We are to love each other as He has loved us.

Christian love is more than an emotion or feeling. It is an activity that follows a decision to make Jesus Christ our savior.

John 15:13 says, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Romans 5:8 tells us, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

In **1 Corinthians 2:9**, "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

Friends as you have read (I hope) this sermon, I pray that you too have learned to love your fellow man, even if you don't agree with their ideas, etc., but you love their soul and pray for them.

Until next week, **love your neighbor as yourself** for it is a commandment of God. I can be reached at 606-481-0444

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Then the fifth angel sounded:
And I saw a star fallen from heaven
to the earth. To him was given the key to
the bottomless pit. And he opened
the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out
of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace.
So the sun and the air were darkened
because of the smoke of the pit.
REVELATION 9:1,2