## $\underline{MercEmail} \text{ A Weekly Devotional by Steve Higginbotham}$

## **Declarations of Love**

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Yesterday was Valentine's Day, and as I was exiting the High School parking lot after dropping off my son, I saw the sign one of the students erected. This sign was strategically located so that everyone leaving the High School parking lot would be looking directly at it. It would be impossible to miss it. The sign said, "Audrey, will you go out with me? Love Kyle."

Well, I just had to stop and take a picture because I saw more in this sign than just a boy asking a girl out on a date. This "billboard" took me back to the cross.

Was not the cross that was erected on a hill called Calvary an open and public declaration of God's love for man? How could anyone miss the message of the cross? "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son..." (John 3:16).

Just as Kyle's billboard openly displays his love for Audrey, the cross of Jesus was an open and public display of God's deep love for mankind.

I don't know who Kyle or Audrey are, but for his sake, I hope she said "yes." Likewise, I hope you too will respond favorably to God's love and invitation.

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