



Soul Winning with the Sealy's Newsletter

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The Big Gift

*"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable **gift**."*
2 Corinthians 9:15

*"Every good **gift** and every perfect **gift** is from above"*
James 1:17

*"For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the **gift** of God: not of works, lest any man should boast"*
Ephesians 2:8,9

*Love's greatest **gift** is its ability to make everything it touches sacred.*
Barbara De Angelis

What is the best gift you ever received? The response of most people to this question had nothing to do with the dollar value of the gift. They felt it was more about the thought behind the gift. The Bible instructs us that *"The gift of God is eternal life."* The gift is also God Himself. I received this gift January 25, 1978. It was a life-changing gift. I have never been the same since. Why is this the biggest gift I have ever received?



Because of the thought behind the gift

God had eternity past to think about the gift. God was thinking specifically about me. We give gifts out of love and care. God's gift was based upon love and care. He would purchase a gift which would bring extreme joy to my heart. He knew I would be in complete awe of the gift. God's thoughts towards me are more than the sand of the sea. (Psalm 139:17,18) The plan for my salvation was in place before the universe was created. (Revelation 13:8) It was a perfectly thought-out gift.



Because of all the difficulty in getting the gift to me

The gift was in God's mind before the foundation of the world. The gift was promised to Adam and Eve. (Genesis 3:17) Satan and the demons of hell sought to prevent the gift from arriving. Earthly rulers sought to set up kingdoms in opposition to God. (Matthew 4:1-11) From the Garden of Eden to the manger, there was tremendous opposition to the gift's arrival. Difficulty did not prevent the gift from arrival. The gift arrived on time at the appointed place. (Galatians 4:4; Micah 5:2)



Because of the extreme cost of the gift

There is no individual, government, or lending institution with enough money to purchase the gift of God. God would sacrifice His Son to purchase the gift (Acts 8:20; Ephesians 1:4) You can see the cost in the suffering of Christ. (Isaiah 53, Psalm 22, and Psalm 69)



Because it provided for my greatest need

I was lost and needed to be found. (Luke 19:10) I was dead and needed life. (Ephesians 2:1) I was a sinner and needed a Saviour. (Acts 4:12) I was in darkness and needed light. (I Peter 2:9) I was unrighteous and needed righteousness. (II Corinthians 5:21) Human hands were powerless to meet my needs. God gave the gift of His Son who graciously meet all my greatest needs. I love it when someone loves me enough to observe my life and send a gift which meets a specific need.



Because of the benefits of such a gift

We have all seen the Christmas gift where someone receives a huge box. Within the box there's another gift and within that gift is another gift. Jesus is the gift that keeps on giving. There are at least 19 gifts of the Holy Spirit within the gift of salvation. One or more of those are mine. I just need to unwrap them. Lewis Sperry Chafer mentions 18 benefits of this salvation.

I am part of God's plan, redeemed, reconciled to God, forgiven of all my sin, joined to Christ, free from the law, born again, regenerated, adopted into God's family, accepted in Christ, justified, made nigh, delivered from the power of darkness, translated into the kingdom of His dear Son, a heavenly citizen, a partner with Christ, I have access to God, I have a heavenly mansion, and I am the object of God's tender care. Now that is some kind of gift. Would I dare say "**Big Gift.**"



Because I have the privilege to share this gift with the world

Why should I be selfish with the gift? Receiving this gift should stir up worship. I should ask how I might find a way to express my gratitude. One way is to share the gift with others. There is no greater joy than watching someone unwrap a Christmas gift. Many times, tears will trickle down my face as I watch our grandkids receive a gift. They jump up

and down for joy and sometimes they even scream. They have been touched by the gift. There is a sense in which I have a distributorship license on this gift. God granted a license to me so I could share this gift with the world. You have the licence as well if you have the gift.

Maybe you and your dear family would be willing to receive this gift from God this Christmas. Contact us. We can help.

The Gift of Ministry to Africa



1 Timothy 1:12 *"And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;"*

Your gift to Furtherance has allowed us to support Pastor Pyton Nyandula, in Malawi, Africa. He is a man with a burden for the lost. He now visits 5 different communities with the Gospel to share the gift of salvation with others. There are presently more than 20 people who need to be baptized. People are saved in these churches quite regularly. Furtherance has been able to provide Hymn Books and Bibles for these churches. The gospel has been translated into the Chichewa language. Furtherance was able to accomplish this here in Canada and have the tracts shipped to Africa. This is very expensive. The next run of tracts will be done in Africa. We know of people getting saved because of these tracts. As I type these words, Pastor Pyton has just received a new laptop, printer and iPhone to make him more effective in his ministry. The project was \$7,500 and all of the money came in. Praise the Lord!

We want the pastor to be self sufficient and able to provide for his family. With this money the Pastor was able to make and burn 15,000 bricks to build a coop for chickens. This will provide food and a source of income. We presently support the pastor \$400 monthly. This almost covers his living expenses for a month. Just a small amount of our money here goes a long way there. We would like to send a nice Christmas Gift to the pastor and his wife.

Your giving allows us to share this gift with other parts of the world where they can share the gift of life to others. Thanks for being "A BIG PART" of the "**Big Gift**".

The Gift Shared Individually

I preach the gospel publicly, but I so enjoy sharing my faith individually with almost everyone I meet. Eloise, my Administrative Assistant has often expressed how she would like to be part of an actual witnessing situation. A recent trip to the bank together to sign some up-to-date info on Furtherance led to a nice chat with our Small Business Advisor. During our conversation, she asked me to describe what I did. I was able to use her question to clearly present the gospel and leave her with a gospel tract. Eloise was excited to see how simple it was to share the gospel when we listen for opportunities. We planted a seed. We recently had a chance to water the seed we planted. We found out our SBA was leaving this branch in two days. Eloise took flowers to her and two of my CD's as a thank you from the ministry. Here is the note I received from Eloise afterwards.

"I wanted to tell you that I got your CD's and the flowers to our SBA this afternoon. Her reaction was precious. She started crying first thing and kept saying "why would you guys do this". She even broke Covid protocols and gave me a hug. After she opened her flowers, I gave her your CD's and she saw your picture on the front of the CD and kept saying "That is Ed, that is so cool." She was so excited. She run around the office showing everybody the flowers and CD's. It was precious to see."

The seed which had been planted was now watered. Pray now for someone to harvest this seed. Evangelism in its simplest form is "Love God and Love People." It can be exhilarating. The "Big Gift" can be carried individually to others.

The Fall Schedule

We were very busy in the fall with missionary conferences, revival meetings, evangelism training, concerts, and door-to-door outreach. Please pray for meetings to increase in the New Year.

Family News

Theresa and I have been in excellent health. I do not believe I have enjoyed this level of health for a lot of years. Matt and Emily live close to us. Matt has a new job managing the ReCar dealership. They have two daughters who have some health issues. Sean and Shayla live in Alberta. He is a builder and has work

booked until March. Chris is still working at rebuilding his business.

Larry Linton Home



Larry Linton was promoted to Glory in October. This faithful servant of God joined his wife Peggy around the throne of God. He met face-to-face with the Lord Jesus Christ whom he loved and served. Larry and Peggy laboured amongst the Cree people in Northern Canada for their entire lives. He left behind established churches, Bible Camps and countless lives transformed by the gospel. We were friends and I miss him dearly. The "Big Gift" of God's salvation has changed the north country forever.

The Future of Furtherance

We are in the process of changing our website and setting up our own YouTube channel. We will be looking more at technology in regard to outreach and training. I write an article every day for Facebook. The most recent Facebook report, October 8th - November 4th, shows 9,647 reached or exposed to the posts. The report shows 9,860 people engaged in the posts. They have liked the post, shared it or replied to it.

People have encouraged us to use our artwork and music for the sake of the gospel. We are going to look at the possibility of gospel tracts and cards, which will include our art work. I still will continue to minister to the lost on the streets. Please pray souls will be saved.



Thank you for the unbelievable response to our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We are still trying to get caught up on the correspondence. The organizers wanted to wait until September to celebrate instead of the actual date in June. They were hoping the Covid regulations would have changed and all borders would be open. They did not. We have asked them to cancel any official celebrations and wait for the 100th.



Pastor Receives Bibles



Saved Reading Tract



New Bibles and Hymn Books



New Laptop



New Printer



New iPhone



Pastor Paul in Sackville



Revival with Pastor Tim in Sussex



Theresa's Crafts



Light Spot Concert



Door-to-door with Gifts



Concert at Calvary Baptist



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