



“1 NUMBER CHANGED EVERYTHING”

“The Greatest Gift”

John 3:16

December 1, 2013 AM Worship

What Does the World Say Is the Greatest Gift?

_____, _____, _____

Why Isn't It the Greatest Gift?

- ✓ It Is Not What We Need
- ✓ It Will Not Meet Our Greatest Need
- ✓ It Will Not Last

What Makes Jesus the Greatest Gift?

- ✓ God _____ His Son to This Earth
- ✓ He _____ Up
- ✓ He Sees, Knows, and Feels What We Do
- ✓ He _____ Up & He _____ Up the Enemy
- ✓ He _____ at the Right Hand of the Father

Why is Jesus the Greatest Gift?

- ✓ He is Our _____ and our Salvation
- ✓ He Sets Us Free
- ✓ He is Our _____
- ✓ He is Our Daily Strength & Song
- ✓ He is _____

- ✓ He is Our _____
- ✓ He _____ All My Needs

What Do I Do With This Greatest Gift?

- ✓ I Can _____ It
- ✓ I Can _____ It
- ✓ I Can Share It

OUR RESPONSE:

1. Has there ever been a moment when you gave the Lord your entire heart, life and soul – accepted the greatest gift? If not, you can today!! Remember it is as simple as **ABC!** **Admit** to God you are a sinner, **Ask** for His forgiveness, **Believe** Jesus is God's Son, **Confess** Him as Savior & **Commit** Your Life to Him as Lord (the Boss).
2. In order for you to grow and be all that the Lord is calling you to be, you need to be plugged in to a church. If you do not have a church home, and God has called you to be a part of **Petal FBC**, then step across the line today and join! We need you and you need us!
3. What is the favorite gift you have ever received? How did it make you feel? Do you still have it? When did you receive the greatest gift? What do you remember about that moment? How did it make you feel? Do you still have it? This Christmas season, may we be ever mindful of the greatest gift ever given – JESUS!
4. A great reminder that Jesus sees, feels, knows, and understands and most importantly HE CARES about everything you are going through!! What life experience are you dealing with right now that you need this reminder?
5. Who can you share this greatest gift with this Christmas? Write their name down here and commit to pray for them every day until they accept that greatest gift. Be willing to share with them how this gift changed your life forever!

JOHN 3:16 THE NUMBERS OF HOPE

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December 1, 2013 AM Service

For God... Who God is, and what they means for me, who I am, Who I can Be, What I can Have, - **The Greatest God**

So Loved... God defines loves, He is love personified. The Greatest Love Who is His Love poured out on? ...**The World... The Greatest Number!!**

Gave... to provide, bestow, grant, yield [Isaiah 9:6](#), [Romans 8:32](#)
The Greatest Giver

His One and Only Son... The Greatest Gift

For God - Who God is, and what they means for me, who I am, Who I can Be, What I can Have, The Greatest God

So Loved... God defines loves, He is love personified. The Greatest Lover Who is His Love poured out on? ...**The World... The greatest number!!**

That He gave... How Did God Give? He gave...

To Establish, Extravagantly, Everything, Eagerly, Eternally, Exactly what we needed, As Evidence, As an Example

My Response is to Give What Can I Give to Him?

My Heart & My Life My Time, Talents, & Treasure & My Testimony

What was the greatest gift you have ever received?

What Does the World Say Is the Greatest Gift?

Wealth, Power, or Fame It's something you own, you purchase, you earn, you deserve, you get because of who your family is, where you grew up, etc.

And how do you get this gift?

You earn it, you work for it, you have to step over people, on people, around people, or through people to get it.

You pay whatever price necessary to achieve it.

Why Isn't It the Greatest Gift?

Yet at the end of the day, we find and read about the Hollywood superstar or Washington politician, or wealthy banker from Wall Street who have everything the world has to offer, but are some of the saddest, most miserable people on planet earth! Why? That goes against everything that the world would say is the greatest gift, and gifts are supposed to make us happy and

fulfilled, yet this gift does not!

- ✓ It is not what we need. We will be empty and incomplete.
- ✓ It will not meet our greatest need
- ✓ It will not last. One day it will all burn up

What Makes Jesus the Greatest Gift?

- ✓ **God Sends His Son to This Earth**, and in Seeing the Son we see the Father. We have beheld his glory! He was Emmanuel, God with us - He is God's one and only Son – the only begotten – [John 1:14; 18; 3:18, 1 John 4:9](#) He is the only and only son because only Christ has God's genes if you will, or genetic makeup – Jesus isn't begotten in the sense of being born, but that in the sense that He and God have the same essence, eternal life span, unending wisdom, and tireless energy. Every quality we attribute to God, we can attribute to Jesus – [John 14:9 & Hebrews 1:3](#) He is Christ the Redeemer, He is Christ the Ruler, and He is Christ the Revealer
- ✓ **He Showed Up** It was not what we would expect, but what most of us could relate to. A humble birth, in a feeding trough, in a stable, and the only ones who knew outside of Mary & Joseph were lowly shepherds and the angels of heaven.
- ✓ **He Sees, Knows, and Feels What We Do** ([Exodus 3](#) Moses, He did see, hear, and know what they were going through, and yet we couldn't see Him) to & [Isaiah 7:14, 9:6 & Matthew 1:22-23 & Hebrews 4:14-16](#)
- ✓ **He Stands Up & He Shuts Up the Enemy**
- ✓ **He Sits at the Right Hand of the Father**

Why is Jesus the Greatest Gift?

- ✓ **He is Our Savior and our Salvation**
- ✓ **He Sets Us Free** I didn't deserve this gift, but I got it.
- ✓ **He is Our Security**
- ✓ **He is Our Daily Strength & Song**
- ✓ **He is Steadfast & Sure**
- ✓ **He is Our Stronghold, Hope, & Refuge**
- ✓ **He Supplies All My Needs**

What Do I Do With This Greatest Gift?

- ✓ **I Can Accept It**
- ✓ **I Can Reject It**
- ✓ **Share It – Give it Away**