



"1 NUMBER CHANGED EVERYTHING"

"The Greatest Giver"

John 3:16

November 24, 2013 AM Worship

Gave: to provide, bestow, grant, yield

What Did God Give & Why Did God Give?

- ✓ He chose to give – His only Son
- ✓ Because He loved us perfectly and completely

How Did God Give?

He gave...

- ✓ To Establish (initiate a love relationship with me)
- ✓ _____
- ✓ Everything
- ✓ _____
- ✓ _____
- ✓ Exactly what we needed
- ✓ As _____
- ✓ As an _____

What Should My Response Be to the Greatest Giver? _____

What Can I Give to the One Who Has Everything?

The one thing He won't demand, but I have to choose
to give, _____

What Can I Give to Him?

- ✓ My Heart & My Life
- ✓ My _____, _____, _____
- ✓ My _____
- ✓ Being _____

OUR RESPONSE:

1. Has there ever been a moment when you gave the Lord your entire heart, life and soul? 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. When you look at how God Gave to us, how does your giving compare to the Lord and then to others? Do you give extravagantly, everything, and eagerly?
4. Spend time this week thanking the Lord for Establishing this relationship with you and me. Thanking Him for giving us exactly what we needed, not what we thought we needed. Thank Him for not just talking about giving, but actually giving everything for you and me.
5. What is your response today to give back to Him? What is it that He wants? Simple... Our Entire Lives. How are you doing in Giving Him these areas: Where are you doing well and where do you need to improve?
 - ✓ My Heart & My Life
 - ✓ My Time, Talents, & Treasure
 - ✓ My Testimony
 - ✓ Being Thankful

JOHN 3:16 THE NUMBERS OF HOPE

“The Greatest Giver”

John 3:16

November 24, 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,

So Loved... God defines loves, He is love personified.

Who is His Love poured out on? ...**The World... The greatest number!!**

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

What Did God Give & Why Did God Give?

- ✓ Because God chose to love, He chose to give – His only Son
- ✓ Because He loved us perfectly and completely

How Did God Give? He gave...

- ✓ **To Establish** (initiate a love relationship with me) He had to do it, because I couldn't. I was born a sinner, God had to reach out to me. Out of his amazing grace and incredible mercy that He gave so that I could have a relationship with Him.
- ✓ **Extravagantly** Could there possibly be a more extravagant gift? Exceeding the limits of reason or necessity. Unreasonably high in price. What a definition of how God gave and what God gave.
How can I define my giving to the Lord? Is it extravagant? Or at best is it sacrificial? Or do we give \$10 and think way to go?
- ✓ **Everything** He did not just give part of himself, a couple hours of himself, didn't just come down and die for you and me, and then run back to heaven. He came to this earth and gave of Himself for those 33 years and then died on a cruel cross for me and you. He gave everything, nothing was left. Yet the question begs to be asked, how much do I give? I am afraid not enough. I read an article recently that spoke that our Christianity today would be so totally foreign to early Christianity because we have boiled it down to 1 or 2 hours a week for Jesus and feel like we have done so much for Jesus! They worshiped together every day, yet we have crammed our lives full of so many other things and many of them good, that we are too tired, overcommitted so Sunday has become a day where most people have to rest to catch up to make it another week, or put those other activities in on the

Lord's Day because I didn't have time during the week. Maybe some of us need to cut some things out that really in eternity aren't that important. We have reached a point in our lives where we don't give Jesus everything, we give Him some things and pat ourselves on the back and say well done Brad. Way to go. We have reached a point in our Christianity where we think going to church is enough, yet we spend little time with Him on a daily basis.

We say I give Him Sunday morning, my goodness what else more does He need or ask of me?

My question to you and to me, when it is enough? I think we have watered it way down.

- ✓ **Eagerly** (Willingly) I love to give gifts. Excited about Christmas this year, so are you. I love to give, to see that reaction, sometimes I can hardly wait to give something, most Christmas' I couldn't wait.
That is the way God is and so, so much more!! God eagerly and willingly gave so that I could have life. Are you and I eager to give unto the Lord? Are you excited about giving your tithes? Excited about coming to give your life here at church, or is it drudgery, a duty, or it an opportunity to give back to Him?
- ✓ **Eternally** God gave a gift that will last for eternity. He offers it to me and promises never to take it back. **ILLUS: God is not an Indian giver** What an amazing gift. **ILLUS: Bob Pierce funeral**. Treasures in heaven. What a great, no returns allowed policy!!
- ✓ **Exactly what we needed** I didn't need anything else. The world offers so much that says, this will fix your facial complexion, this will fix your weight problem, this will fix your girlfriend/boyfriend problem, marriage, kids, etc. and on and one. People trying to sell exactly what you don't need or even want! When God gave me exactly what I needed to fix everything in my life. I was a sinner and I needed a Savior that I could be free and have eternal life!
- ✓ **As Evidence** He didn't just talk about giving. A lot of love to talk a lot, maybe even about what we have done. **ILLUS: Firefighters** Most of them haven't done half of what they said!
Folks, God proved his love for us, He gave His one and only Son. He sent Him to die so that I could live!!

- ✓ **As an Example** So that I would see how I am supposed to give. There is no question about what I am supposed to do and how I am supposed to give! He gave everything so my example to follow is to do the same. Mom and Dad, do your kids see you putting your offering in the plate. How do they know to brush their teeth? How will they know how to give? To be a good Dad or Mom, husband or wife? They watch you and me. Church family, what kind of example are we setting for our little ones?

What Should My Response Be to the Greatest Giver? To Give

What Can I Give to the One Who Has Everything?

ILLUS: Trying to give a gift to Bill Gates or the like.

The One thing He won't demand, but I have to choose to give, ME

Remember back to week one, He is all, He has it all. He doesn't need anything that I have! He doesn't need my money, He owns the cattle on a thousand hills! He doesn't need my things, my stuff, my abilities, nothing. The only things He wants is me.

What Can I Give to Him?

- ✓ My Heart & My Life
- ✓ My Time, Talents, & Treasure
- ✓ My Testimony
- ✓ Being Thankful

Closing ILLUS: Boy, placing himself in the offering plate