



The Signal

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Perspective

Love's Response

How do you express your love? With a smile, a kiss, a hug, flowers, a poem?

These little reminders give us a sense of joy and warmth in our hearts. But what about God's love?

Billy Graham has said "God proved His love on the cross. When He hung on the cross, and bled and died, it was God saying to the world "I love you".

How do we respond to that kind of love?

The hymn writer Isaac Watts expressed it well, when he wrote:
"Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small:

**Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all".**

Would that be your response today?

Major Cora Dodge

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In View Of God's Mercy? Gobsmailed!

Romans 12:1

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Have you ever had a gift given you that was so astounding, so amazing that you did not know how to say thank you? I am talking about that moment when someone shocks you with an act of extreme kindness and generosity and you are overwhelmed with an inexpressible gratitude. Your heart is full, and your mind begins a rapid search for something to say that will convey your feelings, but you know, anything you say will fall far short. Even if you knew the 1,025,109 words of the English language, no combination of them could adequately articulate the gratitude you felt.

That is how I feel when I think of Jesus and His cross. 'Thank you' just doesn't cut it for me. Carl Boberg wrote the famous words in his beloved hymn,

"And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin."

Me too Carl! I scarce can take it in. In view of God's mercy, I am gobsmailed! Not familiar with the word gobsmailed? It means 'flabbergasted, astounded, speechless, overawed'. So it is a perfect word to explain why I could not adequately give expression with any of the million plus words of the English language. When I think of Jesus on 'His' cross and know that it should have been 'my' cross, it leaves me – well it leaves me – gobsmailed. Such love and mercy for me leaves me speechless.

So, fortunately for me, it is not a speech that the Lord is looking for from me. So that sends me rumbling around my life to see what I can bring Him then. And everything I have seems so wildly inadequate that it is like giving a grain of sand in return for a ton of gold. How shall one so impoverished thank One so generous and gracious? I think Christina Rossetti had the right idea when she wrote;

"What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; Yet what can I give Him? give my heart."

We bring him what we have, and who we are. Whether it was a little lad with his lunch, a moral wreck of a lady at the well, an impoverished blind man on the road, the poor widow with her mite or the rich Joseph of Arimathea with his tomb – they all brought one thing to Jesus that was enough. It was their heart.

This Easter as you contemplate the mercy of God, our prayer for you is that you will discover the joy of surrendering your very life to the Lord Jesus Christ. In return He will flood your life with peace and joy of sins forgiven and a future that is secure.

With great love and affection;

*Lorne and Barb Pritchett
Majors*



God is Faithful and Merciful! by Renee Butler

From the time I was a baby, I was brought to Church by my parents. At the Faith Pentecostal Church in Long Pond, I regularly attended Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, learning about God's love for me.

I often attended the Sunday evening service, which could last for three or more hours. My Aunt Bernice, who is a very Godly woman, also attended. Many times, I enjoyed sitting with her. One night, the altar call was given and many people went forward to be saved. As the service continued for quite a while, I remember asking my Aunt if it was too late for me to go forward. I wanted Jesus in my heart! Thankfully, I made that important decision.

Sadly, as the years passed, I slowly drifted away from God. In my latter teen years, busy schedules and a different life style kept me from going to church. Though I felt that God was in my heart, He was now in the background. I felt that as long as I didn't hurt anyone, it was okay, because I still loved God. I didn't see myself as a bad person, but I always seemed to be looking for something better. Later, after ending a difficult, long-term relationship, I kept reminding myself "God didn't want me to live that kind of life". I believed He had something better planned for me.

Not long after that, while driving to work one day, the sunroof on my car exploded. Thankfully, I was able to keep control of my car and only sustained a neck injury, which required extensive therapy. As it turned out, my massage therapist was a wonderful Christian man. He shared with me his love of God through his stories of his visits to the Holy Land, his theology classes and his email prayer group that reached across several provinces. He inspired me to pray more, on a regular basis and I believe, through this experience, God used him to call me back into His fold. How grateful I am to Jesus, my Shepherd!

Eventually, God also brought me to my husband, who is the most caring and generous man I know. Along with our two daughters, he is truly a gift from my Heavenly Father. I believe Deuteronomy 31:8 "The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you." Though God wasn't first in my life back then, He wasn't angry and did not forget me. He went ahead to ensure that the right people would be in my life at the right time. All to bring me back to Himself! One of my favorite Bible verses is Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

I thank God because I know He has a perfect plan for each and every one of us! A plan that will give us an abundance of good things! I'm so thankful today that God has given me a ministry working with children through the Pioneer program, Cross Zones, Sunday School and Junior Music Camp. If you don't know Jesus in a personal way, I pray that you will accept His gift of salvation and live your life knowing that the Master is in control!

POWER IN PRAYER

The Powerhouse of CBS Corps
The Prayer Warriors
meet every
Tuesday
At 7:00 PM
Everyone is welcome



Welcome to the Colbournes



Alex and Jennie Colbourne have been attending the CBS Corps since 2014. They first met as children, were a couple in high school and married in 2007. Alex was born in Springdale, but grew up in Triton and Goose Bay, which is Jennie’s home town. They have moved a number of times in the past few years, and enjoyed working in Labrador, and in northern, southern and eastern Newfoundland. Alex works at Compass Ltd. in Long Pond, and is a Journeyman Welder/ Fabricator. Jennie does casual work in Office Administration and Child Care. In their spare time, they enjoy travelling and spending time in their home on the Northern Peninsula. Jennie enjoys reading, writing, crafts and scrapbooking. Alex also enjoys doing Auto-CAD, audio visual and anything to do with mechanics.

At the Corps, Alex works with the audio visual equipment and also plays guitar. Jennie works with children’s ministries and is a featured soloist. They also attend the Couple’s Club and enjoy the fellowship.

The CBS Corps is very proud to welcome this beautiful young couple to our Corps family, and their ministry is greatly appreciated.



Men’s Fellowship Lumberjack Night

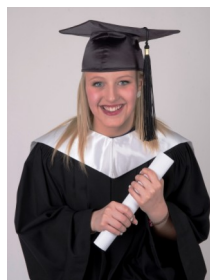
At a recent meeting of the Men’s Fellowship, a challenge was given to all the members. Seen in the photo, the men are hard at work. They were competing against each other for the fastest team in sawing wood. Another challenge was piling the wood in bulks. A typical lumberjack lunch of beans and bologna was enjoyed by all. Major Winston Dodge (near the front) was the official judge for the activities. It was a great evening, enjoyed by all.

Congratulations Sisters



Congratulations to Mackenzie and Madison Butler, daughters of Randy and Renee, who recently participated in the 2016 Skate Canada NL Synchronized Skating Championships, held in Corner Brook. They were among the 41 members from the CBS delegation, which was divided into three categories. They both did very well. Good job girls!

Congratulations



Congratulations to Leah Bailey who recently received her Diploma in Occupation Health and Safety from Keyin College in St. John’s. She has just accepted a position with Westjet Airlines, as a customer service representative. Leah is the daughter of Clarence and Tammy Bailey. CBS Corps family extend their best wishes to Leah!

URGENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are urgently invited to attend our sacred Good Friday Service
At 10:30 AM
and
Easter Sunday Celebration Services
At
11:00 AM and 6:30 PM

A Blessing awaits you! Come and Rejoice for He is Risen Indeed!

Ladies Night Out



Rejuvenate – **Body and Spirit** was the theme chosen for the recent “**Ladies Night Out**”. The capacity crowd enjoyed delicious food, great fellowship, a time to relax and a time to reflect upon God’s Word.

One of the guests, Dr. Mike Wahl, Managing Director of “Definitions—Health and Wellness” entertained and informed the ladies of the importance of eating well and how to engage in simple physical exercises, which can be done in your home. Dr. Wahl is very passionate about health and wellness.

Inspiring musical entertainment was provided by soloist Michelle Tremblett, accompanied by Ashley Harris on the guitar. Major Lorraine Abrahamse, who is presently the chaplain at The Salvation Army Glenbrook Lodge, concluded the evening with a time of reflection, as she shared how God’s sustaining grace brought her through a very difficult time in her life, as she faced some very critical health issues. Through the challenging times, she found daily strength and was so thankful to God for restoring her body to good health and refreshing her spirit as well. In the photo above are (L—R) Major Abrahamse, Dr. Wahl, the committee members, who did a fantastic job, Ella Mae Taylor, Michelle Hynes, Gloria Guy, Almata Ward, Marie Rowsell, Major Winnie Perrin and Joyce Canning and to the right, Major Barb Pritchett, Corps Officer.

Appreciation for Volunteers



The CBS Corps recently honored and expressed appreciation to the many individuals and approximately 15 local community groups, who assisted with the Christmas Kettle Campaign. A total of 300 volunteer hours was given by these special people as well as members of the Corps. Other invited guests (seen in the photo) included Barry Petten, MHA for the District of CBS, Mayor Steve Tessier, Mayor of the Town of CBS and Ken McDonald, Liberal MP for the District of Avalon. God bless our volunteers!

Partners in Mission



In February, CBS Corps launched its annual Partners in Mission Campaign. The goal is to raise \$10,000 to support ministries in the large Latin America North Territory, which includes a number of poverty stricken countries. Our contributions will enable The Salvation Army to maintain a presence in these developing countries and will give support to different avenues of ministry. Let’s share what we have!

We live and die; Christ died and lives so that we can live again.



Gospel Concert

The Men’s Fellowship Group recently sponsored a Gospel concert at CBS Corps. Invited guests from the Corps and community (left) were featured and brought great blessing to all. Eleven year old Warren Butler (right) wowed the audience with his saxophone playing. A freewill offering of over \$640.00 was kindly given to the Partners in Mission Campaign. Thanks and appreciation to all who participated!



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