

The Bells Prayer Letter December 2006



To our supporting churches and friends:

Greetings in Jesus name:

Thank you for all that you have done and are doing for the Bell family as we seek to serve our Lord together. The month of October got off to a very good start and by God's grace and mercy Mamie and I have been able to keep all our meetings. We pray that this letter will be a welcome Christmas greeting, something we rarely are able to do.

You dear folks have been there for us in your prayers and gifts and we are very thankful for your compassion towards us. It bothers me that I can't give you great numbers of conversions although I know that it is God that gives the increase. But, I can report that God is encouraging his people for which we are thankful.

You know every once in a while our Lord will lay a big handful on purpose right in front of you – He did that for us recently when we got to hear Dr. Jack Green preach. He is eighty-five years young, and I think he preached the best ever and he has always fed my soul.

In Isaiah chapter 12, we have a hymn of thanksgiving and we are instructed to sing praises unto our Lord. In seasons like these that are upon us, we should sing and here are a few superlatives to help or guide in these joyful times.

1. God's pardon is "abundant" Isaiah 55:7
2. His love "passeth knowledge" Ephesians 3:19
3. His gift of salvation is "unspeakable" 2 Corinthians 9:15
4. His life is "more abundant" John 10:10
5. Paul, writing to the discourage Corinthians, said that through God we are "enriched in everything to all bountiffulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11
6. Feeling poor of spirit? Wishing you had more of the riches of this world? Remember the superlatives of God!

A Christmas Story

This is part of a lawyer's testimony:

"The greatest gift I ever received was a gift I got one Christmas when my dad gave me a small box. Inside was a note saying, 'Son, this year I will give you 365 hours, an hour every day after dinner. It's yours. We'll talk about what you want to talk about, we'll go where you want to go, play what you want to play. It will be your hour!'"

"My dad not only kept his promise," he said "but every year he renewed it – and it's the greatest gift I ever had in my life. I am the result of his time."

So remember God so gave himself that we might be saved. He was unwrapped on the cross so that we could be wrapped in his righteousness.

The greatest gift to our families is not to be placed under a tree, but it is ourselves, that we ought to give in Jesus name. Acts 3:6 "Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; **but such as I have give I thee:** In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

May you have a Very Christ-filled Christmas. Our prayer is, God Bless each and every one of you!

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Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.