“Love is something that is not nailed down; it travels with you.”

Christmas Love

(Paraphrase of 1 Corinthians 13)

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I’m just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I’m just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir’s cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of CHRISTMAS LOVE will endure.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn’t envy another’s home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn’t yell at the kids to get out of the way.

Love doesn’t give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can’t.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

Merry Christmas!

Christmas Love by Anonymous Sent in by Paulette Sizemore
A Short Story: The Christmas Present

A friend of mine named Paul received an automobile from his brother as a Christmas present. On Christmas Eve when Paul came out of his office, a street urchin was walking around the shiny new car, admiring it. "Is this your car, Mister?" he asked.

Paul nodded. "My brother gave it to me for Christmas." The boy was astounded. "You mean your brother gave it to you and it didn't cost you nothing? Boy, I wish..." He hesitated.

Of course Paul knew what he was going to wish for. He was going to wish he had a brother like that. But what the lad said jarred Paul all the way down to his heels.

"I wish," the boy went on, "that I could be a brother like that."

Paul looked at the boy in astonishment, then impulsively he added, "Would you like to take a ride in my automobile?"

"Oh yes, I'd love that."

After a short ride, the boy turned and with his eyes aglow, said, "Mister, would you mind driving in front of my house?"

Paul smiled a little. He thought he knew what the lad wanted. He wanted to show his neighbors that he could ride home in a big automobile. But Paul was wrong again. "Will you stop where those two steps are?" the boy asked.

He ran up the steps. Then in a little while Paul heard him coming back, but he was not coming fast. He was carrying his little crippled brother. He sat him down on the bottom step, then sort of squeezed up against him and pointed to the car.

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Prayer Requests

Take this list home with you and pray for the requests listed here. May His Love overcome all.

- The Lost.
- The church as a whole.
- James Tica and family, missionary to the Philippines.
- Danny Young’s Daughter and Sons.
- Alvin and his family. He wants to see the rest of his family back in church. May the doctors be able to find him the right medicine. Remember his health in prayer.
- Sister Lonette and her family. She is battling with infection. She is receiving more treatments.
- Wally and his family. Remember a friend of Wally’s who needs Christ.
- Paulette Sizemore.
- Lilly’s Sister in Law and her friends in Louisiana.
- Co-workers. There are many requests for co-workers. Say a special prayer that we may be lights for Christ in their lives.
- Church neighbors David Wright and family.
- Lovin Family, they are in search of a new home church. Also remember their newly formed singing ministry in prayer.
- The singing ministry of David and Vivian Ashbury.
- The members of “The Potter’s House” for they are in search of a new home church.
- Tiny’s uncle and his son.
- Remember Richard Young in prayers.
- Ms. Turner. Her health is failing.
- Ms. Rose and her brother.
- Remember Wally in prayer. May God strengthen him physically and spiritually. Keep his family prayers also.
- Remember Connie Turpin and Lisa Smith in prayers. May they start back to church.
- A special prayer request for Aunt Sharen and her family. Her kids are having problems and having to stay with her.
- Bunch Family. Pray for the lost in their family.
- Tiny and her work. She is having to work a lot of Sundays and would like to be able to come to church and keep her job.
- Grindstaff and Family.
- Jesse’s peers at UT facing their preliminary exam deadline.
- Our new pastor: Tony Grayson.
- Lily and George: they searching for a new home church.
- Undefeated: one of the members is having heart troubles and the rest are fighting the flu.
- Mrs. Grayson’s Brother who recently had stints placed in his heart. Keep him in prayers.
- The Sizemore and the Canadays. Remember them in prayers. To the families: We love you all.
- The growth of the CBCBC spiritually and in number.
- The Singings.
- Remember Gerald Smith in prayers. He goes back to the heart doctor on the 23rd.
- A special request for Brenda. The Lord knows all about it. Keep praying, the Lord will provide.

Answered Prayers... Wally and His Family return to God. Sister Lonette’s healing of cancer. Brother Beauchan’s quick recovery. Mrs. Grayson’s tumor was benign: not cancer.

Glory be to God in the Highest! A Pastor for CBCBC.

To include more prayer requests (and to let me know of answered prayers) in the newsletters, please let Jesse Smith know in person, via email (CBCBCNews@gmail.com) or phone (865-694-8503).
There she is, Buddy, just like I told you upstairs. His brother gave it to him for Christmas and it didn’t cost him a cent. And some day I’m gonna give you one just like it... then you can see for yourself all the pretty things in the Christmas windows that I’ve been trying to tell you about.”

Paul got out and lifted the lad to the front seat of his car. The shingled-eyed older brother climbed in beside him and the three of them began a memorable holiday ride.

That Christmas Eve, Paul learned what Jesus meant when he had said, "It’s more blessed to give...."

-By Anonymous

Love grows the most when it is freely given away and shared... it is far more blessed to give than to receive.

When we look beneath our Christmas trees this holiday season... know that the greater blessing is those whom we have to share love with than those packages. And remember always that the True meaning of Christmas is the Love that God has so richly shared with us through His son Jesus Christ.

Church Mice

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Merry Christmas
From Pastor Cheese, Deacon Coffey, and the Zorowski Family

A Short Story: The Christmas Present Concluded

TOY REPAIR

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

- Psalm 147:3 NIV
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That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10:9

Christmas

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