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Speechless!!...

Now that Christmas Day is almost upon us, I am guessing that most gifts have been bought...or not?! There is always that last minute panic – have we missed anyone? However good our present lists are, there seems to slip into our 'stress stream' of thought – doubt!

Have you ever had a gift that has left you lost for words, speechless - it was so unexpected? It may have been lavish, simple or even unwanted! One such 'speechless' gift was from my husband, Colin; 42 years ago this Christmas – our first season as a married couple. That morn, a convertible sports car graced our driveway complete with a white bow tied across the roof (my mother's contribution, I believe!). I was lost for words, my breath momentarily snatched away as I stared at this lavish gift; was it REALLY for me? Or was it a gift too good to be true? But it was completely in keeping with my gift giver with his generous, loving quality which still marks his character to this Christmas. The expression of his love was copiously conferred upon me that day...it reminds me of another gift I received...

'See what great love the Father has lavished on us...' (1 John 3:1 NIV)

There are no adequate words in any language to convey God's gift to the world, Jesus Christ. This incarnation may be in the drawer of 'unwanted gifts' as some are unable to comprehend this generosity to an undeserving human race. It is left unopened, discarded, seemingly valueless. But that does not diminish the reality of this global offering, without prejudice not only at Christmas, but every day of every year! Usually, we give presents to family, friends, people we are connected to in some way...God's gift knows no such boundaries; I am so thankful for that.

Jesus brings with Him a whole raft of other gifts which leave me speechless. This forgiveness, this love, this grace, this friendship...is it really for me? Is it too good to be true? When I consider what a difference to my life this gift

makes, it takes my breath away! A gift completely in keeping with the character of the Giver. This is the ultimate, lavish gift that keeps on giving for the rest of my earthly sojourn...and then some! Beyond words...

'Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!'
(2 Corinthians 9:15 NIV)

Immanuel, God with us - Yay!

Happy, happy Christmas... Judith

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