

# What Defines Our Life

As we approach the annual celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus, the wonder of the very nature of God again fills us. The Scripture says ... *"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" 1 John 3:1.*

God's nature of love is to give everything He has. The Father "so loved the world" that He gave the greatest gift imaginable - His only Son. The Son came and gave His all, dying for us so we could experience new life and be brought into relationship with the Father. The Holy Spirit now comes into our life to fill us with the blessing and goodness of God on a daily basis.

Now, as His children, we are partakers of His nature!

*"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature..." 2 Peter 1:3-4.*

The same love and generosity drives us to share with people around us that same blessing we have received. It begins with our family, then our friends and finally to our whole community and to the whole world. This is our magnificent obsession. This is the purpose supreme in our lives.

We have been amazed as we have travelled the world in our missionary journeys for many years to see the generosity of poor people who, many times, share all they have. When the cyclone devastated Burma the students in the "OBC Live" Training School in Chiangmai literally gave all they had. They took the very shirts off their backs, and every Thai baht they had, to give to those who had lost everything. We know they are mightily blessed by the Lord and we were greatly moved by their love and generosity.

As we celebrate the greatest Gift that has ever been given, and we share gifts with those we love, let us remember that the gift of forgiveness, new life and all the blessings we have received from God, are now freely ours to give to others (Matthew 10:8).

To God be the glory!

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