

“Chosen For the Praise of His Glory!”

Ephesians 1:1-14



To the praise of
His glory!

Introduction: If you don't know who you are, you won't know why you're here or how to live, and you will waste your life!!

I John 5:10-13:

This message is intended to encourage those who KNOW you have eternal life in Jesus Christ to be passionate about living for Him!

Acts 2:18-32:

Revelation 2:1-7: *“But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first”* (vs. 4).

II Peter 1:13: *“I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder ...”*

Hebrews 10:24-25:

We who believe in Jesus Christ have been chosen by God the Father, born again by His Spirit and redeemed by His blood, that we may live in this world for the praise of His glory!!

I. God's sovereign grace for our salvation ...

Though it is the greatest privilege to be part of Christ's Body, the Church, it seems many do not grasp the reality or the depth of God's grace in saving them.

Ephesians 1:1-2:

You will not be moved to respond to God's grace until you fully realize that if you have trusted in Christ for forgiveness and eternal life, GOD sees you as HOLY in Him!

Colossians 1:12-14:

Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A #54: *“ ... the Son of God, by His Spirit and Word, gathers, defends and preserves for Himself ... a chosen communion in the unity of the truth faith; and that I AM and forever shall remain a living member of the same.”*

True passion for Christ and His Church comes from knowing and experiencing God's sovereign grace in your life and realizing the privilege of being part of His Body.

Ephesians 1:3-14:

HIS grace made YOU part of the “US!”

II. God's perfect plan for our salvation ...

Ephesians 1:3-5:

The humble attitude of true Christians is based on God's sovereign grace and His perfect plan for our salvation.

I Corinthians 1:26-31:

Ephesians 1:7-8, 11, 13-14:

Every part of our salvation is according to God's plan, and it comes to us through Jesus Christ!

John 15:16: *“YOU did not choose ME, but I chose YOU ...”*

I Peter 1:1-2, 2:9a:

Knowing that God planned out every step, every part of your salvation is not only comforting, but also motivating!

III. The glorious purpose of God for our salvation ...

Ephesians 1:5-6, 11-12, 13-14:

EVERY true believer is alive in this world for this one glorious purpose: to praise and glorify GOD!!!

I Peter 2:9b: *“ ... that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”*

II Corinthians 4:3-6:

To know the love of Jesus Christ motivates you to love Him back, and to live to proclaim the glory of the God who saved you!!

We exist to proclaim the reign of Jesus Christ over all things; glorifying and enjoying God, now and FOREVER!!