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Transforming Daily
“... to the praise of His glory ...”
Ephesians 1:6, 12, 14

Our salvation brings more than eternal life. It brings praise to the glory of God. These three verses (attributed to the work of the Father, v.6, Son v.12, and Holy Spirit v.14) clearly reveal that salvation is to the praise of His glory. This means that when our testimony is shared that it isn't only to be for the purpose of leading another to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, or to offer thanksgiving to the Lord for this free gift, but also with the intention of praising God for who He is.

Paul is making that very point in the introduction to the book of Ephesians. As a matter of fact His introduction in and of itself is a masterful hymn of praise to God for His grace and mercy expressed through the good pleasure of the Father, the gracious propitiation of the Son, and the guaranteed protection of the Holy Spirit. All of this is as Paul declares, “in Him.”

It is in Christ that we enjoy redemption from the wages of sin and the promise of eternal life in heaven. Redemption is God's plan, according to His good pleasure to accomplish His purpose. So most naturally, (and supernaturally) it is to the praise of His glory.

When is the last time you praised God just for who He is? The last time you shared your faith, did you do so for His praise or yours? No matter the occasion the attention should always be drawn to Him.

To praise God is to lift Him up. To lift Him up is to magnify Him. To magnify Him is to glorify Him. This is what Paul means when he says, “to the praise of His glory.”