

People of Praise Part 2

Ephesians 1:10b-19

In Him ¹¹also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, ¹²to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory. ¹³In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God's own* possession, to the praise of His glory.

We are His, bought with Blood and sealed with His Spirit for one purpose: To bring praise to His glory.

Exodus 33:18-23

¹⁸Then Moses said, "I pray You, show me Your glory!" ¹⁹And He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the Lord before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion." ²⁰But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!" ²¹Then the Lord said, "Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand *there* on the rock; ²²and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. ²³Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."

This, God says, is His glory: His name, His presence, and His goodness, revealed to the child of God, hidden in the Rock!

John 1:14

¹⁴And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Who can proclaim His glory? Those who know His name, His presence, and His goodness.

We know His name- His name is Jesus!

John 17:6a, 12a

⁶"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world

¹²While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me

Acts 4:12

¹²And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

We Know His Presence by the indwelling Holy Spirit.

1 John 3:24

²⁴The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

We know His goodness by His Fatherly affection and responsiveness to our cries.

Matthew 7:11

¹¹If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

"He is Good, and His love endures Forever"

Matthew 18:19-20

¹⁹"Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.