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:: Summary

Ephesians 1:3-14 calls every believer to live for the praise of God's glory. The richness and depth of the truths contained in this passage concerning blessing, election, adoption as God's children, redemption, grace, the future unity of all things in heaven and earth, and the seal and guarantee of the Holy Spirit that we are God's and have an eternal inheritance, is both mind-blowing and cause for a life of praise and telling others about the lavish love of God.

:: Share

In the midst of all the challenges in your world right now, what gives you cause to praise in either the earthly or spiritual realm?

:: Explore and Discuss | Ephesians 1:3-14, Psalm 145

Taken as a whole, how does Ephesians 1:3-14 affect your sense of belovedness, identity, or hope?

Read Psalm 145. How do you define praise based on this example?

When you believed in Jesus, you were marked with the Holy Spirit as a seal on your life. The Spirit is also the living presence of God's promised inheritance. What does this mean for you?

:: Apply it to Your Life

What if anything, makes you hesitant to share your personal "God-Story" with people who do not know Jesus?

In eternity past, before the creation of the world, God chose you. How does this personal reality bring meaning to your life?

:: Pray

I praise you Father, Son and Holy Spirit for the extraordinary, in many ways unfathomable, grace and goodness you have bestowed on me. Thank you for choosing me and calling me your own. Thank you for your constant presence and love in my life. I praise you for the eternal promise and hope I have because of your glorious grace. Help me know and always to live for the praise of your glory.

