

:: Summary

God has all power and authority. God is the creator and sustainer of all that is. God is pure love, compassion, and mercy. His faithfulness and righteousness are without blemish, his care and concern for people made in his image goes beyond our imagination. His promises are true and he cannot fail them. This God, who has fashioned each one of us in his image, who has watched over lives, who has redeemed us from sin and death through the sacrifice of his son Jesus deserves all glory and honor in every dimension of our lives.

:: Share

Name a time when you wanted to magnify, praise or thank another person for something they had done for you. What were the circumstances? What was your motivation for responding back?

:: Explore and Discuss | Ephesians 1:11-14 and Notes

What does it mean to “put your hope in Christ”?

According to the Greek of verse 11 (where NIV uses the word “chosen”), Paul is declaring that believers have been made to be God’s inheritance or alternatively, are recipients of an inheritance (both meanings are possible). In either case, what does this imply about how God thinks of you?

Pastor Mike indicated in the message that one way to live for “the praise of his glory” is to *enhance God’s reputation* by the way you live. What does it mean to enhance God’s reputation, especially considering he is perfect in every way and cannot be greater than he already is?

:: Apply it to Your Life

Share one or two practical ways you are living in order to make God look as great as he really is.

Living for the glory of God is not just an act of *obedience*, it is an act of *worship*. Why is this distinction important in how you live for Him?

:: Pray



Gracious Father, thank you that in Christ, you have saved me from everlasting death and made me your inheritance. I am overwhelmed at the thought of your unconditional love for me. It is my joy, privilege and act of worship to point others to you by the way I live. Help me to continue to grow in enhancing your reputation in every part of my life. Amen.

