

**A Eulogy For the Living!**  
**Ephesians 1:3-14**

**Introduction:** A eulogy is “a speech or piece of writing that praises someone or something highly, typically someone who has just died.” Our text this morning is a eulogy, not of the dead, but of the living! Our text begins with the greek word from which we get our word “eulogy”, and a form of this word is used three times in verse 3. The first usage is a form of the word that is reserved in Scripture for man’s praise of God. Paul lays out three reasons for us to “eulogize” the Living God.

**Reason #1: The plan of God**

Part #1- God’s plan for the pre-eminence of Christ

Part #2- God’s plan for the position of the believer

Part #3- God’s plan for the future of the believer

**Reason #2: The provisions of God**

Provision #1- Election (Work of the Father) (v.4)

Provision #2- Predestination (Work of the Father) (v. 5)

Provision #3- Redemption (Work of the Son) (v.7)

Provision #4- Forgiveness (Work of the Son) (v.7)

Provision #5- Revelation (Work of the Father) (v. 9)

Provision #6- Inheritance (Work of the Father) (v. 11)

Provision #7- Sealing (Work of the Spirit) (v. 13)

Provision #8- Earnest (Work of the Spirit) (v.14)

**Reason #3: The purpose of God**

Purpose #1- “To the praise of the glory of His grace” (6)

Purpose #2- “To the praise of His glory” (12)

Purpose #3- “To the praise of His glory” (14)

**Conclusion:** As we meditate on these truths may we respond with praise, “to the praise of His glory!”

**Questions for discussion/application**

- If you were to write a “eulogy” to the Lord, what would it contain?
- How are these three reasons for praise inter-related to one another?
- Of the seven blessings with which we have been blessed “in Christ”, which ones are you the least familiar/ most familiar? Why?
- What do we learn about God’s plans for history in this passage? Why is this so important?
- What does the thrice repeated phrase, “for the praise of His glory” tell us about God’s purpose in history?
- How does one praise His glory? What does this look like?