

SUBJECT: TO THE PRAISE OF THE GLORY OF HIS GRACE

TEXT: EPHESIANS 1:6 – "To the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved."

INTRODUCTION - In these verses there is a continuation of the blessings that have been granted to those who are "In Christ." In Ephesians 1:1 – 3, we see that the Believer has been chosen, and predestinated. Verse 6, tells us that we have been accepted in the Beloved. These blessings were granted for two supreme reasons: 1) Because it was the will of God, and, 2) That we might be "to the praise of the glory of God's grace." *God wants us to Praise His Grace!*

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PRAISE

- We express our approval of what God has done in and for us – through Christ..
- Expressed by speaking, telling and singing of His wonders

THE GLORY OF HIS GRACE ("His Glorious Grace")

- Glory defined:
 - God's revelation of Himself to the Believer.
 - God's exhibition or manifestation of His character.
 - The splendor and radiance of God revealed.

GRACE

- This word sums up what God has done and how He has approached us.
- It is the free unmerited favor of God towards undeserving people.
- Because grace is free, it can never be earned.
- Grace can only come from God. It has no other source.
- *Romans 11: 4 – 6 – "But what does the divine response say to him? "I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal. Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace, otherwise work is no longer work."*

CORRESPONDING SCRIPTURES FROM EPHESIANS

Ephesians 1:12. That we who first trusted in Christ, should be to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 1:14. Who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.