

FOR GOD'S GLORY

EPHESIANS 1:11-13

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: To understand God's glory and why He must be praised, we see three things from Spiros Zodhiates, The Complete Word Study Dictionary, New Testament: (1) Glory is the "true apprehension of God." p. 478. (2) Humility is a deep realization of our unworthiness to receive God's grace. p. 1366. (3) Praise or give praise means simply to applaud. p. 611.

HE PLANNED YOU before He created you because He has a purpose for you. Your life in Christ is for the praise of the Father's glory. (**Ephesians 1:11-12, fn 1:11, Psalm 139:13-16, fn 139:13-15, Jeremiah 1:4-5, fn 1:5[1st], fn 1:5[2nd], Romans 8:28, fn 8:28, John 17:8-10, fn 17:10, Revelation 11:13, fn 11:13**) *Why should you glorify God, and how could you do that?*

HE OPENED YOUR EARS. "Only lopsided and unbiblical theologies put everything on God's side or everything on man's side. In order to produce salvation, God's unmerited grace demands man's positive response. Inherent in God's plan of salvation is man's obedient faith." John MacArthur, The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Romans 9-16, p. 84. When you see yourself as a sinner in need of God's forgiveness, He opens your heart to express faith in The Lord Jesus Christ and give Him praise. It is then that you can hear truth and glorify Jesus. (**Ephesians 1:13, Matthew 13:10-17, fn 13:9-10, fn 13:12, Hebrews 4:7, 12, fn 4:12, Romans 10:14-17, fn 10:14, I Peter 2:9-10, fn 2:9-10, Ephesians 2:3-10, fn 2:8-9**) *How does God's Word help you to glorify Him?*

HE SAVED YOU BY THE GOSPEL. Salvation is "the rule of God in the human heart because of Christ." Zodiates, p.669. The genius of the gospel of your salvation is that it is for the glory of Jesus Christ. When you have a true apprehension of Who God is, then you can give him glory. By the gospel, you know your sin sent Jesus to the cross and His blood saved you. (**Ephesians 1:13-14, Romans 1:16-17, fn 1:17, I Peter 1:18-19, fn 1:18-19, I Corinthians 2:10-16, fn 2:15-16, Romans 3:21-26, fn 3:23, fn 3:24, II Corinthians 5:17, fn 5:17**) *How does your salvation by the gospel glorify Jesus Christ?*

Are you taking time to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with the Living Word teaching you and giving you His joy, His love, and His peace?

