

Four More Reasons to Praise God

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In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:7-14 ESV

Friends who follow Jesus : Praise God! Look at Who He is and what He has done! Here are several reasons why you should praise Him:

1. We should praise God because we have redemption and forgiveness (v.7-8).

Have I experienced redemption and forgiveness? If not, what is keeping me from it? If so, when was the last time I was stopped to praise and thank God for it?

2. We should praise God because we “get in on the mystery” of God uniting all things in Jesus (v.9-10).

Are these implications on our radar? How should they impact our lives?

3. We should praise God because we have an inheritance (v.11-12).

When is the last time I stopped to carefully consider and praise God for my inheritance?

4. We should praise God because we are sealed with the Holy Spirit who is the guarantee of our inheritance (v.13-14).

Do I have a proper understanding and appreciation for the Holy Spirit? Do I recognize His role in guaranteeing my inheritance?