

Reasons We Should Praise God

- **Ephesians 2:1-5** - And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), NASU
- **Ephesians 2:1–5 (LBLA)** — 1 Y Él os dio vida a vosotros, que estabais muertos en vuestros delitos y pecados, 2 en los cuales anduvisteis en otro tiempo según la corriente de este mundo, conforme al príncipe de la potestad del aire, el espíritu que ahora opera en los hijos de desobediencia, 3 entre los cuales también todos nosotros en otro tiempo vivíamos en las pasiones de nuestra carne, satisfaciendo los deseos de la carne y de la mente, y éramos por naturaleza hijos de ira, lo mismo que los demás. 4 Pero Dios, que es rico en misericordia, por causa del gran amor con que nos amó, 5 aun cuando estábamos muertos en nuestros delitos, nos dio vida juntamente con Cristo (por gracia habéis sido salvados),

- We were dead verse one.
 - Enslaved verse two.
- Condemned verse three –
 - that is what life was like.

Jeremy Bentham

“Jeremy Bentham
present but not voting.”

BUT GOD!!!

- **Ephesians 2:4-5** - But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), NASU
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BLESSING #1 – ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

- **Ephesians 1:3** - 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, NASU
- **Ephesians 1:3 (LBLA)** — 3 Bendito sea el Dios y Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que nos ha bendecido con toda bendición espiritual en los lugares celestiales en Cristo,

• **Colossians 2:10** - *10 and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;*
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• **Colossians 2:10 (LBLA)** — 10 y habéis sido hechos completos en Él, que es la cabeza sobre todo poder y autoridad;

- “The Christian really operates in two spheres. The human and the divine, the visible and the invisible. Physically he is on the earth in a human body but spiritually the Christian is seated with Christ in the heavenly places, and it is this heavenly sphere that provides the power and direction for the earthly walk. With the Christian no matter where he may be on this earth, he is seated in the heavenlies with Jesus Christ.

- Ephesians 1:4 - 4 just as HE CHOSE US IN HIM before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. NASU
- Ephesians 1:4 (LBLA) — 4 según nos escogió en Él antes de la fundación del mundo, para que fuéramos santos y sin mancha delante de Él.

Blessing #3 is “in love, He predestined us.”

- **Ephesians 1:7-8** - In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace & which He lavished on us. NASU
- **Ephesians 1:7–8 (LBLA)** — 7 En Él tenemos redención mediante su sangre, el perdón de nuestros pecados según las riquezas de su gracia & que ha hecho abundar para con nosotros. En toda sabiduría y discernimiento

Ephesians 1:1-2 - *Paul, an
apostle of Christ Jesus by the
will of God, To the saints who
are at Ephesus and who are
faithful in Christ Jesus: NASU*

- **Ephesians 1:5-6** - In love 5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. NASU
- **Ephesians 1:5–6 (LBLA)** — 5 nos predestinó para adopción como hijos para sí mediante Jesucristo, conforme al beneplácito de su voluntad, 6 para alabanza de la gloria de su gracia que gratuitamente ha impartido sobre nosotros en el Amado.

- **T**OTAL HEREDITARY DEPRAVITY –
- **U**NCONDITIONAL ELECTION –
- **L**IMITED ATONEMENT –
- **I**RRRESITABLE GRACE
- **P**ERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS

*To adoption as sons
through Jesus Christ to
Himself.*

“You refuse to come to me to
have life”

(John 5:40)

- **Joshua 24:15** - 15 “If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” NASU
- **Joshua 24:15 (LBLA) — 15** Y si no os parece bien servir al Señor, escoged hoy a quién habéis de servir: si a los dioses que sirvieron vuestros padres, que estaban al otro lado del río, o a los dioses de los amorreos en cuya tierra habitáis; pero yo y mi casa, serviremos al Señor.

- **1 Timothy 2:3-4**- 3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. NASU
- **1 Timothy 2:3-4 (LBLA)** — 3 Porque esto es bueno y agradable delante de Dios nuestro Salvador, 4 el cual quiere que todos los hombres sean salvos y vengan al pleno conocimiento de la verdad.

- **2 Peter 3:9** - 9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. NASU
- **2 Peter 3:9 (LBLA)** — 9 El Señor no se tarda en cumplir su promesa, según algunos entienden la tardanza, sino que es paciente para con vosotros, no queriendo que nadie perezca, sino que todos vengan al arrepentimiento.

One professor put it this way “try to explain election and you may lose your mind but try to explain it away and you may lose your soul.”

To which one classmate responded, “not if I’m among the elect.”

The word is *proorísœ*,
from **pró** (4253), before,

and **horízœ** (3724), to determine.

To determine or decree beforehand.

He determined or decreed
before hand that we would be
adopted as sons.

4 – IN HIM WE HAVE REDEMPTION

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Redeemed means to purchase and set free by paying a price

- **John 8:34- *Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.***

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- **John 8:34 (LBLA) — *34 Jesús les respondió: En verdad, en verdad os digo que todo el que comete pecado es esclavo del pecado;***

- **1 Peter 1:18-19** - 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. NASU
- **1 Peter 1:18–19** (LBLA) — 18 sabiendo que no fuisteis redimidos de vuestra vana manera de vivir heredada de vuestros padres con cosas perecederas como oro o plata, 19 sino con sangre preciosa, como de un cordero sin tacha y sin mancha, la sangre de Cristo.

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- **1 John 2:1-2** - My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world. NASU
- **1 John 2:1–2 (LBLA)** — **1** Hijitos míos, os escribo estas cosas para que no pequéis. Y si alguno peca, Abogado tenemos para con el Padre, a Jesucristo el justo. **2** Él mismo es la propiciación por nuestros pecados, y no solo por los nuestros, sino también por los del mundo entero.

Redemption covers three areas.

The paying of a **ransom**.

The **removing** of a curse.

And the **release** from bondage.

- **Psalms 103:8-12** - The Lord is compassionate and gracious, Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. 9 He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever. 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. 12 As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.
- **Psalm 102:8–12 (LBLA)** — **8** Mis enemigos me han afrentado todo el día; los que me escarnecen han usado mi nombre como maldición. **9** Porque cenizas he comido por pan, y con lágrimas he mezclado mi bebida, **10** a causa de tu indignación y de tu enojo; pues tú me has levantado y me has rechazado. **11** Mis días son como sombra que se alarga; y yo me seco como la hierba. **12** Mas tú, Señor, permaneces para siempre, y tu nombre por todas las generaciones.

Ephesians 1:7-8 –

7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He lavished on us...

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By Grace. In Christ.

- WE have all spiritual blessings in Christ.
- In Him we've been chosen to be holy and blameless.
- We've been predestined to adoption as children in Christ.
- We've been redeemed. *“In Him we have redemption”*
 - We've been forgiven of all our trespasses. **In Him we have the forgiveness of our trespasses.**