

Give Praise to The Lord! Colossians 1:12-27

*The world rings with praise -- readers their favorite poet, walkers praising the countryside,
art lovers praise the work of artist, on and on.*

How much more should we praise the Lord!? **Hebrews 13:15**

I. PRAISE THE LORD FOR STARTING AND SUSTAINING LIFE. Colossians 1:15-17

Jesus Christ is the Creator and the Sustainer of all life.

He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

Jesus Christ is the controlling and unifying force in nature.

He is the eternal, almighty God, one with God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Listen to the way God's Word describes Jesus. **Hebrews 1:1-3**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord for starting and sustaining life.

II. PRAISE THE LORD FOR REDEEMING PEOPLE Colossians 1:11-14

He has enabled us to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people.

He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness.

He has transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son.

He has purchased our freedom and forgiven our sins. **Isaiah 53:6**

We sin because we were born with a fallen nature.

No matter how hard we try, there is nothing we can do to fix the problem.

Salvation for us can never come from within. It must come from above.

Jesus Christ redeemed us.

He paid the price for all of our sins when He died on the cross for us.

III. PRAISE THE LORD FOR RECONCILING PEOPLE TO GOD. Colossians 1:15-20

God reconciled everything to himself through Christ.

He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth through Christ's blood on the cross.

Jesus bridged the impassable gap caused by our sin.

If you have truly trusted in Jesus, then you can find yourself in verses 21&22. **Colossians 1:21, 22**

We ought to praise the Lord! for redeeming and reconciling people to God.

IV. PRAISE THE LORD FOR MAKING HIS HOME IN OUR HEARTS.

This is one of the greatest mysteries of the gospel.

When we receive Jesus as Savior and Lord, His Holy Spirit literally comes to live in our hearts.

The mystery is "Christ IN YOU, the hope of glory." **Colossians 1:24-27**

No one has ever been saved without the working of the Holy Spirit in their heart.

No one has ever been saved without receiving the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ.

No one has ever been born again without the Holy Spirit.

He is the third person in the Godhead who gives us the birth of eternal life.

Salvation is a personal relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ and what He did on the cross.

Salvation is a personal relationship with God, made personal by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

"Christ in you, the hope of glory." -- Christ in you, the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 6:16

What assurance!

God is right there with us, not matter what!!!

-Praise the Lord for starting and sustaining life.

-Praise Him for redeeming people.

-Praise The Lord for reconciling people to God.

-Praise the Lord for making His home in our hearts.