

April 2014 Theme: "The Life of Jesus May Be Manifested in our Mortal Flesh" (2 Corinthians 4:10)

Text: Ephesians 1:5, 14

"TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY"

(I) THE GLORY OF GOD

1. Seen in His creation (Psalm 19)

2. Revealed numerous times

- a) At Mount Sinai to the children of Israel (**Exodus 19**)
- b) Throughout the Wilderness Journey
 - i) Pillar of Cloud by Day
 - ii) Pillar of Fire by Night
- c) At the Dedication of the Tabernacle (**Exodus 40**)

3. In Jesus

- a) His Incarnation (**John 1:14**)
- b) His life on earth (**John 1:14**)

4. In His Plan of Salvation (Ephesians 1:1-14)

- a) Spiritual blessings in the heavenly places (**Ephesians 1:3**)
- b) Our adoption as children of God (**Ephesians 1:6**)
- c) His grace (**Ephesians 1:6**)
 - i) Such glory (**Ephesians 1:6**)
 - ii) Such riches (**Ephesians 1:7**)
- d) Knowledge of the mystery of His will (**Ephesians 1:9**)
- e) Our inheritance in Christ (**Ephesians 1:11**)

(II) SPECIAL CHALLENGE TO REFLECT THE GLORY OF GOD

1. Those who trust in Christ (Ephesians 1:12)

- a) Hearing the Gospel of salvation
- b) Knowing the word of truth
- c) Believing in Jesus for salvation

2. We are to reflect the glory of Christ (Ephesians 1:12)

- a) Through the Spirit of God (**Ephesians 1:13-14**)
- b) Through His working in our life (**Ephesians 1:19**)