

Series: Partners in the Journey
Message: Chosen by Christ to Love God
Text: Ephesians 1:1-14 (AM 1/10/10)

Like the Church at Ephesus, the Canaan Family is on a *Journey*. Just as God in Christ “*Made known... the mystery of His will...*” (1:9) to the Ephesians, He longs to do the same today. During the month of January, we’ll examine each of the *four steps* of our Journey. We’ll be encouraged to take *inventory of our lives*. The Journey is *not a goal* but a *process*. Are you *fully engaged* in the process of becoming a *fully devoted Christ follower*?

- Today – *Chosen by Christ to Love God* (1:1-14) Key 12
- The 17th – *Called by Christ to Share Life* (1:15-23) Key 15
- The 24th – *Created for Christ to Serve Others* (2:1-10) Key 10
- The 31st – *Citizens for Christ to Show Jesus* (2:11-22) Key 18 & 17

Today, we discover the Saints’ *purpose* and the Savior’s *passion* – that we would live *for the praise of His glory*. Paul enumerates seven captivating reasons for a *lifestyle of worship*.

- I. **Conditioned for Worship Because of His Blessings (3)**
“Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing...”
- II. **Compelled to Worship Because of the Beloved (4-6)**
“His Grace, by which He made us accepted in the beloved...”
- III. **Captivated for Worship Because of His Blood (7)**
“In Him we have redemption through His Blood...”
- IV. **Called to Worship because of His Bidding (8-9)**
“Having made known to us the mystery of His will...”
- V. **Constrained to Worship Because of the Blessed Hope (10-12)**
“In the... fullness of the times He might gather together in one...”
- VI. **Confident in Worship Because of the Bondsman (13-14)**
“You were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise...”

VII. Created to Worship for His Benefit (6,12,14)

“We who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory”

Application to our lives: Genuine worship and Journey participation are reserved for those who've *trusted Christ* with their lives. Are you Loving God *personally daily and corporately weekly*? You were created to *Love God!*