

We are part of something MUCH GREATER than us!

Praise – expressed in worship and evangelism
To proclaim God's truths is to declare God's praise!

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In **location**: Be constant in praise (Psalm 34:1)

In **heart**: Be inwardly moved with praise, and not outwardly performing (Isaiah 29:13)

In prayer: linger long in praise, looking on God's character and work!

In **circumstances**: be steadfast in praise, not forgetting God's love and truth!

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God's plan *always* included all nations! (Genesis 12:1-3)

All nations are called to praise God!

We are called to influence all nations to praise! (Psalm 34:3, 8)

Let all see God's love and respond in praise!

God will bring all nations to praise Him (Romans 15:11, Phil. 2:9-11, Rev. 7:9-12)

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It is integral to our identity in Christ to praise:

- \* Worship is integral to the Christian identity
- ★ Evangelism is integral to the Christian identity

Our praise ought never to grow dead in familiarity!

Our praise ought never to be rendered trivial!

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Praise is a response to the character of God!

- ★ God's mercy, grace, covenant LOVE
- ★ God's eternal, abiding, unfailing TRUTH

Praise reflects God's LOVE and TRUTH (Proverbs 3:3, Ephesians 4:15)

Jesus Christ is the embodiment of God's LOVE and TRUTH (John 1:14)

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