

May 2008—God's Boundless Provision

Our person, possessions, and position in life are reliant upon God.

WE ARE WHO WE ARE BECAUSE OF GOD.

"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made : marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." (Ps. 139: 14)

WE HAVE WHAT WE HAVE BECAUSE GOD HAS SEEN FIT TO GIVE IT TO US.

"Who makes you different from others? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you receive it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?" (1 Cor. 4:7)

WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING HIM BECAUSE IT PLEASURES HIM.

"But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased." (1 Cor. 12:18)

WE MUST USE WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN US WISELY IN ORDER TO SERVE HIM EFFECTIVELY.

The emphasis of Paul's prayer for the Ephesians is spiritual understanding and authentic Christian character. He does not ask God to give them what they do not have, but rather he prays that God will reveal to them what they already possess. Our responsibility is to apply our knowledge of Him in order to love Him more, experience His victory in all things and regard His wisdom above all else.

May we recognize and appreciate God's unlimited generosity and never forget that all we have comes from HIM—"*...that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking nothing.*" (James 1:4)

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