Worthy of Praise and Glorification

This verse begins the longest sentence of connected discourse in any language. (3-14)

EPHESIANS 1:3

"Worthy of Praise" $\epsilon \mathring{\upsilon} \lambda ο \gamma η τ \acute{ο} \varsigma$ EU LO GE TOS – This is a verbal adjective and describes DEITY only. Luke 1:68 presents the word as a participle and means "to praise."

EU = good - straight - well

LEGO = to speak

To speak of total benefits – without any thing left out.

A PERSON CANNOT HAVE LOVE, APPRECIATION, OR CAPACITY TO KNOW GOD APART FROM A DILIGENT STUDY OF TRUTH.

"The God"- \dot{o} $\theta \in \dot{o}\zeta$ Note: the article God is identified

"Father" πατὴρ Note: NO article quality

GOD IS THE INVISIBLE AND UNKNOWABLE APART FROM THE WORD OF CHRIST!

"of the Lord of us" (genitive case – case of relationship) Jesus-humanity – Christ-appointed one – THIS EMPHASIZES GOD'S PLAN. JC – ONLY VIP! The article with the word GOD is used to identify the person's and characteristics of the members of the God-Head

GOD possesses: Sovereignty, Righteousness, Justice, Love, Eternal Life, Omniscience, Omnipotence, Omnipresence, Immutability, and Veracity.

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Jesus Christ has: Sovereignty, Righteousness, Justice, Love, Eternal Life, Omniscience, Omnipotence, Omnipresence, Immutability, and Veracity.

THE ONLY WAY TO BE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT GOD THE FATHER IS TO KNOW THE WORD (JESUS) AND BE ON THE HIGH ROAD OF GRACE!

"Jesus Christ" - Humanity - God incarnate - God in FLESH

GOD'S ESSENCE IS THE SOURCE OF BLESSINGS

"the ONE having blessed" – This presents the FACT that we are BLESSED – GOD IS ENTHUSASTIC ABOUT YOU AND ME. HE DESIRES THAT WE MOVE TO THE MOUNTAIN PEAK OF ECHO MOUNTAIN – BE A REAL VIP.

NOTE – 3 great words:

- 1. Verbal adjective EU LO GE TOS
- 2. AAP (GNOMIC A) OF EU LO GE O
- 3. Inst. Case: EU LO GIA

(A manual grammar of the Greek NT – Dana & Mantey pg.197) Gnomic Aorist "a generally accepted fact or truth may be regarded as so fixed in its certainty or axiomatic in its character that it is described by the aorist, just as though it were an actual occurrence." ABSOLUTE FACT – THIS SAYS THAT BLESSINGS COME FROM GOD BEFORE ELECTION!!!!!!!!! BLESSINGS COME BEFORE THE CHOOSING!!

"Us with every spiritual blessing in the Heavenlies in Christ Jesus"

Worthy of Praise and Glorification (Continued)

BLESSINGS

- 1. Since the participle is in the Gnomic Aorist, it means that God blessed long before we were born. This is an occurrence not related to time ages past
- 2. All benefits are because of God's grace and not earned or deserved nor gained by our efforts in time. If provided, totally, before our birth then it is certain that we can have no part in the provision.
- 3. People can be a blessing to us now but only God can be a blessing in the eternity past. HIS PERSON IS BEFORE OUR PROVISION OUR PROVISION IS BEFORE OUR PERSON.
- 4. God's plan is always compatible with the benefits of His plan.
- 5. God's plan is a superior plan since He is absolutely perfect.
- 6. His plan would not be perfect if any part of it depended on man.
- 7. God's Grace Blessings pre-existed all believers. The blessings were provided before the need arose. Problems solved before problems existed.
- 8. This means then that human merit and human efforts are ruled out since God's provision came before we existed.
- 9. The gnomic agrist participle of eulogeo $\in \mathring{\upsilon}\lambda \circ \gamma \in \omega$ with the definite article preceding reveals that God provides benefits (blessings) based on His character not ours.
- 10. These great blessings become a reality through knowledge of His magnificent Word. EPHESIANS 1:3

 WORTHY OF PRAISE