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Dear Friends of IPM,

The Lord Jesus Christ is worthy of all praise and glory. It is for His pleasure that we were created, and we find true fulfillment in giving Him glory and praise. Jesse, from an Arizona prison recently wrote: "It is a pleasure of mine to give Him praise and glory."

We are to praise Him for His goodness toward us. *"While I live will I praise the LORD...Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD...Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!"* (Psalm 146:2; 150:6; 107:8). Everything that breathes should give its praise to the One who gave it breath. God's goodness toward us gives us every reason to thank Him. He provides for us, protects us, forgives us, enables us, comforts us, rescues us, and strengthens us. As long as we live, it should be our joy to praise Him.

He alone is worthy to receive all glory and honor. *"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name...Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created"* (Psalm 29:2; Revelation 4:11). As we grow in our walk and relationship with the Lord, learning more of Him and His character, the more we will desire to give Him all the praise and glory rightfully due unto Him.

It is all about Him, and not about us. *"For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen"* (Romans 11:36). It is all from Him. It is all through Him. All praise and glory is to be directed to Him. He is the One that created all things. He is the One who gives

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eternal life. It is in Him and through Him that we find all we need for life and godliness.

We are to be glorifying God in all we do. "...whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). As believers, the purpose of our lives isn't to live for self or to "coast through" life here on earth. God wants us to live our lives desiring to please Him and give Him glory in everything we do. Having this godly perspective is life-changing. To God be the glory, great things He has done!

Like Jesse, in an Arizona prison, may we desire to give the Lord all the praise and glory due His name. We thank the Lord for all who partner with us as we share God's love and truth with those behind bars.

Giving the Lord all the Praise and Glory,

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(for all of our "Chaplain Ray Family" and the IPM team)

P.S. Our appreciation gift this month is For Tomorrow We Die (the Frank Catania story).



"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness" - Psalm 29:2