

# How Can I Please God? Praise Him!

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## Acts 16:23-34 (Paul & Silas in jail)

“It’s easy to praise God when everything is going well,  
let’s give God the Sacrifice of Praise.”  
Not “because” of our circumstances...But “in spite” of them.

## Hebrews 13:15

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise-the fruit of lips that confess his name.

We praise God because...

### 1. HE ALONE IS GOD

#### Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God...

#### Revelation 1:8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

#### Genesis 17:1

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless."

#### Exodus 3:14

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you."

- God is self-existent. His being has no dependence on any other. He says; "I AM WHO I AM"
- Man is God-existent. He is totally dependent on God for his very existence. The greatest man in the world can only say; "By the grace of God, I am who I am."

### 2. HE ALONE IS HOLY

#### Isaiah 6:1-3

1 I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3 And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

### 3. WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE NOT

#### Isaiah 6:4-5

4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. 5 "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

#### Romans 7:24-25

24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God-through Jesus Christ our Lord!

### 4. HE LOVES US AND LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US

#### John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

#### Ephesians 2:4-13

4 ... because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions... 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 13 ... now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

#### 2009 Barna Poll:

53% of born-again Christians believe you earn salvation by good deeds  
48% of born-again Christians believe Jesus did not lead a sinless life

### 5. WE ARE THANKFUL FOR HIS MERCY

#### Luke 17:11-19

11 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance 13 and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" 14 When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. 15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. 16 He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him-and he was a Samaritan. 17 Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" 18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19 Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

DO YOU REALLY DESIRE TO PLEASE GOD? PRAISE HIM!