

D. Praise God for His **grace** (vs 14-20).

“8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

Ephesians 2:8-9

“7 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

9 And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

II Corinthians 12:7-10

III. **WHY** SHOULD YOU PRAISE GOD? (145:21)

We were made **by** God and **for** God.

“You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”

Revelation 4:11

“For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.”

Colossians 1:16

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Psalm 145:2

**CELEBRATE
Celebrate God
Pastor Steve Reynolds**

INTRODUCTION

A. We all love to celebrate! We celebrate the day we were born. We celebrate the seasons and holidays. We celebrate accomplishments and anniversaries. Now it’s time to get your praise on at CBC.

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B. In Celebrate, we will explore five Psalms that will inspire you to stop complaining and start praising. This five part series features the following messages:

TODAY	Celebrate God
June 14	Celebrate Wisdom
June 21	Celebrate Men
June 28	Celebrate America
July 5	Celebrate Forgiveness

Join the Psalms 31 Challenge!

C. TEXT: Psalm 145:1-21 (Pew Bible/Pg. 587/Old Testament)

Psalm 145 contains no requests. It is pure praise for God!

CELEBRATE GOD

I. **WHEN** SHOULD YOU PRAISE GOD? (145:1-2)

A. Praise God **willfully** (145:1-2).

“Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:” Psalm 103:1-2

*“16 Rejoice always,
17 pray without ceasing,
18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

B. Praise God **continually** (145:1-2b).

“I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.” Psalm 34:1

“15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

16 But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”

Hebrews 13:15-16

C. Praise God **daily** (145:2a).

“Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loads us with benefits, The God of our salvation! Selah”

Psalm 68:19

“praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.” Acts 2:47

II. **HOW** SHOULD YOU PRAISE GOD? (145:3-20)

A. Praise God for His **greatness** (vs 3-6).

“Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!”

Romans 11:33

“Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.”

Jeremiah 32:17

B. Praise God for His **goodness** (vs 7-10).

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”

James 1:17

“Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?”

Romans 2:4

C. Praise God for His **glory** (vs 11-13).

“3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

5 Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new....” Revelation 21:3-5a