

Presence – ‘My soul glorifies the Lord’

Mary rejoices in God’s presence

- My soul glorifies the Lord
- My Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour
- The Mighty One has done great things for me
- From now on all generations will call me blessed.
- God is merciful to Abraham and his descendants for ever 1:55

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Eph 1:5 Chosen and Adopted!

Eph 1:11 Predestined according to the plan of Him who works everything out in conformity with His will.

Eph 1:13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth.

Eph 2:10 For we are God’s workmanship

Eph 2:16 Presence which brings peace to God’s new community

Eph 3:17 So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith

Eph 5:1 Be imitators of God therefore, as dearly loved children.

Digging Deeper

Read Ephesians 5 – 6

1. How do you experience God's presence in your life?
2. Share a recent experience of God's presence – how did this come about and what happened as a result of it?
3. Ephesians 1:11 talks about God's plan that works everything out in conformity with his will. Looking at the narrative of Jesus's incarnation what took place that was surprising?
4. What can we learn about God from the narrative of Jesus' birth?
5. God's presence is both mystical and practical. Looking at Ephesians 5 – 6 are you more comfortable with the mystical or the practical?
6. In what ways did Mary and Joseph follow Ephesians 6 10 – 18?