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In general, the interrelated economic, institutional, political and social dimensions of inclusive growth mutually reinforce each other to achieve inclusive growth. So the reform agenda required to effect inclusive growth which is complex and ambitious should be addressed simultaneously. For example, the problems affecting rural development must be addressed in a coherent and mutually reinforcing manner.

Also, to ensure sustainable inclusive growth, there is the need to provide job opportunities, entrepreneurship and promoting productivity; strengthen capabilities in the form of human capital, provide social safety nets; ensure level economic and political playing fields to ensure participation in and benefit from new opportunities; and providing effective and efficient social protection systems to mitigate the extreme deprivation of the disadvantaged.

Policy inconsistency has been one of the banes of development in developing countries including Nigeria. There is growing evidence that one of the major constraints to economic growth and social welfare improvement is inconsistency in government policies and gaps in their implementation. Addressing the problem requires a deeper understanding of whether the current policy direction, planning, prioritization, budgeting, implementation and monitoring processes are consistent with national development outcomes. It is also important to deploy appropriate institutional linkages/interfaces in ensuring consistency in policy implementation. In order to enhance greater degree of economic inclusiveness, all the stakeholders have roles to play and are enjoined to take charge of their responsibilities.

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To God be the glory

Great things He has done

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin

And opened the life-gate that all may go in

O perfect redemption,

the purchase of blood

To every believer the promise of God

The vilest offender who truly believes

That moment from Jesus receives a pardon

Great things He has taught us,

great things He has done

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son

But purer, and higher, and greater will be

Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
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Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
Come to the Father
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