

L34 | Ephesians | "The LJC Trust" | Eph. 1:13-14

I. Intro/Review:

- Obtained an inheritance
 - Eternal Life - Christ's life
 - Promise of a New Body - His glorious body
 - Reign with Christ - Lord of the glory
 - Christ wisdom unto us - All wisdom dwells in Him
- Based upon "predestinated according to the purpose of Him"
 - "who worketh all thing after the counsel of His own will"
- "that we should be to the praise of His glory"
 - God works all things after His purpose according to His counsel that is in Christ

II. Preview:

- The LJC Trust
 - The Father of glory, concerning His purpose is dependent upon His Son in all facets
 - Redemption
 - Fulness
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III. Sermon:

{Ephesians 1:12} That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

- When you create a trust, you're creating a legal entity that owns and manages your assets on behalf of your beneficiaries. There are three parties in a trust arrangement:
 - The grantor, who is the person making the trust (God the Father)
 - The trustee, who is the person responsible for managing the trust according to the grantor's wishes (God the Son)
 - The beneficiaries, who enjoy some type of benefit from the trust (Us)

From <<https://smartasset.com/financial-advisor/trust-definition>>

- **"who first trusted in Christ."**
 - Some think this is the Jews, the believing remnant
 - Some think this is the body of Christ; however, if you look at :13 you have "in whom ye also trusted".
 - So some think Jews, some think Gentiles
 - The last pronoun is "His glory"
 - The whole context is His blessing, His choosing, His predestinating, His grace, His abounding, His wisdom, His will, His inheritance, His working
 - The glory of His eternal purpose is "in Christ".

- It is entrusted to Him, but more, the Father trusts Him to bring it to His expectant end

{Ephesians 1:13} In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

- "In whom ye also trusted,"
 - Christ is the point of our fellowship, communion, and glory with God
 - "after that ye heard the word of truth"
 - "the gospel of your salvation:"
- **"in whom also after that ye believed,"**
 - **"ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,"**
 - The holy Spirit is the representative of the will, purpose, and plan between the Father and Son
 - Sealed with that holy Spirit of promise is we have been secured in Christ and all that entails
 - "promise" - eternal life (Gal. 3:14, 21)
 - Unto
 - New body
 - Heavenly Places
 - Reign with Christ
 - 2 Cor. 1:22 - sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts
 - Romans 5
 - Romans 8
 - Eph. 4:30 - until the day of redemption
 - Rom. 4:11 - circumcision (a seal of the righteousness of the faith)
 - Php. 3:3
 - Col. 2:10-12
 - Titus 3 - regeneration

{Ephesians 1:14} Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

- "earnest"
 1. Ardent in the pursuit of an object; eager to obtain; having a longing desire; warmly engaged or incited.
 2. First fruits; that which is in advance, and gives promise of something to come. Early fruit may be an earnest of fruit to follow.
 - Romans 8:19
 - 2 Cor. 1:22

- Php. 1:20
- Purchased possession, but needs to be redeemed in full.

IV. Conclusion: