

L33 | Ephesians | "Obtained an Inheritance" | Eph. 1:7-12

I. Intro/Review:

- In Christ
 - (of) Chosen in Him to be holy and without blame before Him in love
 - (of) Predestinated unto the adoption of children
 - (through) Redemption the forgiveness of sins - the riches of His grace
 - Abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence
 - Having made known unto us the mystery of His will
 - (to) Gather together in one all things in Christ
 - In the dispensation of the fulness of times
 - Which are in heaven
 - Which are on earth
- Fulness of Times
 - God made the ages to work out the fruit of His counsel before the foundation of the world, which is the good pleasure of His will
 - Fulness concerning times and the earth (Israel/prophecy)
 - Fulness concerning times in the heavenly places (Body of Christ/mystery)
 - Both need to be individually reconciled in order to be "gathered together"
 - The heavenly places first, then the earth
 - Post millennial kingdom and Great White Throne

II. Preview:

- In whom also we have obtained an inheritance
- Being predestinated according to the purpose of Him
 - Who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will
- That we should be to the praise of His glory
- Who first trusted in Christ

III. Sermon:

{Ephesians 1:11} - "In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will:

- "in whom also"
 - "in whom" - in Christ
 - "also" - an additional party
 - Means someone else in all this doctrine has obtained an inheritance
- "we have obtained an inheritance"

- The Spirit - eternal life (Eph. 1:13)
 - Redemption of the body (Eph. 1:14)
 - 1 Cor. 15:40ff
 - Resurrection terrestrial bodies
 - Resurrection celestial bodies
 - Both bear the image of the heavenly
 - Php. 3
 - 1 Jn. 3:2
 - Heavenly blessings (Eph. 1:3)
- **"being predestinated according to the purpose of Him"**
 - God the Father has in His purpose predestinated us to be His inheritance
 - Eph. 1:18 - "the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,"
 - Our inheritance is wrapped up in the culmination of that which God the Father receives in His Son.
 - The fruit of His purpose is His eternal inheritance that He worked out during times
- **"who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will:"**
 - Our inheritance is completely dependent upon His purpose, His will, His plan, His working
 - **"all things"** - the government in heaven and on earth is worked after His own will
 - **"worketh"** - how?
 - Redemption
 - The Spirit
 - Works His will concerning the government in heaven and earth

{Ephesians 1:12} - "that we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ."

- **"that we should be to the praise of His glory"**
 - His inheritance
 - **"to the praise"** - we are to the fruit and manifestation of His will, purpose thus His glory
 - Ps. 107:8
 - Ps. 148 - entire creation praising Him
 - Each is an object and work of God in which one comes to know and understand and praises God for, thus when one enters to be "to the praise of His glory" we will be and have become vessels of His mercy, vessels of His glory in which His glory is extended, known, and understood by others and most of all to God Himself.

- **"who first trusted in Christ."**
 - God the Father entrusted the entire good pleasure of His will derived from His counsel in Christ.
 - God first trusted Christ to carry out His will to the praise of all glory.
 - Father of glory
 - The Lord of glory

IV. Conclusion: