

Eph 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,

- When I look at the text from the continuation from verse 12 trusted is listed twice in the KJV. But in verse 13 trust is italicized. This is an indicator that the word trust was placed for understanding purposes.
- The verse should read: In whom you also heard the word of truth...
- Heard: listen with intent.
- We know that faith comes by hearing and hearing of the word of God.
 - There is a clear distinction between just hearing the word and then listening with intent
 - Many people have had the gospel preached to them but not all come to an understanding of this truth that we live by.
 - Here lies salvation: Some hear the word and accept and receive it as truth and others suppress the truth in a lie.
 - This is the harsh reality of salvation.
 - Some hear and believe and some hear and do not believe
 - Let's unpack this
 - **The Word of Truth brings everlasting Life**
 - Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that **believeth**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.
 - Acts 13:46-48 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and **judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life**, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. And when the Gentiles **heard this, they were glad**, and **glorified the word of the Lord**: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.
 - Paul and Barnabas said that when the Jews denied the word that they Judged themselves unworthy of everlasting life.
 - Is it safe to say based on the text that those who deny the Word of truth judge themselves. That is a tough statement.
 - When the Gentiles heard: here we see the accepting and receiving of the Word with intent to believe.
 - **AND WERE GLAD**- Gladness should be the response to the Word of Truth.
 - The Word should produce certain things in you when you hear it.
 - Conviction- whether good or bad is a good indicator of your view point of the Word.
 - **Glorified the Lord** - this is another way that we respond correctly. Our lives show forth the convictions of our faith. We believe therefore we speak.
 - 1 John 1:1 **THAT** which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;
1 John 1:2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)
1 John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.
1 John 1:4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.
 - **The Effect of The Word**
 - **Col 1:3-6** We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints, For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth: