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

- This marks the goal, which is set up for those who are "predestinated" in the "purpose," with the further definition: "to the praise of his glory."
  - Once you find out that God is for you, you never stop looking for a way to continually overcome.
- Paul uses the phrase: "to the praise of his glory 3 times"
  - V6 he made us acceptable in the beloved
  - V12 who first trusted in Christ
  - V14 where we find our inheritance and we become a purchased possession (redemption)
    - All three of these quotes are tied to the glory of Christ.
    - The phrase to the praise of his glory shows our "becoming" in Him.
    - who not merely praise with the mouth, in words, but should be themselves a praise.

## • We who have before trusted (hoped) in Christ

- God never leaves us in a place where we have to figure out His will for our lives.
- Faith is the ultimate supply of substance for the believer.
  - Through faith God always points us in the right direction
  - This marks our fellowship with Him, towards Him, to Him, He is the ground of our hope or trust
    - Romans 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in **believing**, that ye may abound in hope, through the **power (dynamis)** of the Holy Ghost
  - Our lives are purposeful, supplied and hold meaning.
  - All month I have been speaking of purpose.
  - We must take advantage of this life that we have.
  - When your life's purpose is tied to Christ, He will put you to work for His glory
    - This is not all church related!
    - The body of Christ must go to the world and teach
    - God wants us in every aspect of life and in every area.
    - We are to impact the world with Jesus.