

THE FACT, PURPOSE, AND GUARANTEE OF REDEMPTION  
EPH. 1:11-14

Introduction:

- A. Christ is the source or channel of all spiritual blessings.
  - 1. "without me ye can do nothing."
  - 2. It is always, "in Christ."
  
- B. In the verses we see another of our blessings in Christ.
  - 1. "an inheritance."
  - 2. All that God has secured for us, "in Christ."

I. THE FACT OF OUR INHERITANCE.

- A. "In whom also we have obtained an inheritance."
  - 1. obtained = that which is assigned by lot or portion, an allotment of land, a possession.
  - 2. inheritance = (these are inclusive.)
  
- B. "being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will."
  - 1. predestinated = proorizo = to set bounds before, determine. This usage is not who is predestined but what they are predestinated to.
  - 2. purpose = prothesis = what one sets before his mind, proposes to himself.
  - 3. worketh = energeo = to be effective, to energize, active, operative.
  - 4. counsel = boule = will, design, plan. God purposed in Christ to assign a portion of all that is Christ's to those in Christ according to his pleasure and then predetermined the inheritance and inheritor.

II. THE PURPOSE OF OUR PREDESTINATION.



- A. "that we should be to the praise of His glory who first trusted in Christ."
  - 1. praise = epi - ainos = praise upon praise, applause, commendation.
  - 2. glory = doxa = opinion, notion, Philo; All that God is for us for our good, the fulness of all that is good in Him.
  - 3. Matt. 5:14-16.
  - 4. John 15:8 "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall be be my disciples."
  
- B. Those who "trust" are predestinated.
  - 1. "who first trusted in Christ."
  - 2. first trusted = elpizo = to expect, to hope, to set one's hope on something.

### III. THE GUARANTEE OF OUR REDEMPTION. U13,14

- A. The order of salvation.
  - 1. "after that ye heard the word of truth."
  - 2. "the gospel of your salvation."
  - 3. "In whom ye also trusted."
  
- B. After belief.
  - 1. "in whom also after that ye believed."
  - 2. "ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise."
    - a. sealed = sphragizo = make fast with a signet.
    - b. Holy Spirit of promise.
  
- C. The Holy Spirit, our guarantee.
  - 1. "which is the earnest of our inheritance."
  - 2. earnest = arraboin = a deposit which in itself is a guarantee that the full amount will be paid.
  - 3. "until the redemption of the purchased possession."
    - a. purchased possession = peripotesis = acquiring and keeping safe, laying up, acquired possession. Peculiar Possession.

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IV. GIVE GOD THE GLORY! v14

A. "unto the praise of His glory" v14

1. Praise Him for His work.
2. Let our praise glorify Him.

B. "to the praise of His glory." v12

C. "to the praise of the glory of His grace. v6