

SERMON – In God we T.R.U.S.T. – Unsearchable Riches - Ephesians 3:8-9

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But true trust in God is born out of what God has entrusted to us!

Ephesians 1:3-10 – Make a list of all that God has blessed/entrusted us with:

God has set up a “trust fund”, naming His people as the beneficiaries. And this trust fund contains UNSEARCHABLE RICHES (the “U” in T.R.U.S.T.)!

A “trust fund” is a legal entity that contains assets on behalf of a person or organization (God)... It is managed by a trustee until certain circumstances are met, at which point the assets will be distributed to the beneficiaries.

These assets are managed by Christ Himself, & the Holy Spirit (trustees)... until we take possession of them as the beneficiaries by faith! Even after...

There are no greater assets than what God has entrusted to us in Christ... Assets that we did not earn, nor deserve... & yet they are ours by faith in Jesus! How can we not trust in a God who would entrust us with so much?

This God-given “trust” is declared & visualized in the sacrament of baptism!

“Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s covenantal promises given to us, His people. In the waters of baptism God promises by grace alone: to forgive our sins; to adopt us into the Body of Christ, the Church; to send the Holy Spirit daily to renew and cleanse us; and to resurrect us to eternal life.”

Do you hear the benefits of this “trust” made visible in this sacrament?

- Covenantal promises – *God will be our God, & we will be His people!*
- The forgiveness of sins – *That our sins will not be held against us!*
- Adoption into the Body of Christ (the Church) – *Belonging in the family!*
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How blessed are we to be beneficiaries of such gifts in Christ... But Scripture teaches us that it is not only Jesus, & the Holy Spirit, who are the trustees of this God-given “trust fund”, we too have a part to play... **Ephesians 1:11-14**

We are to put our hope in Christ... We are to hear & believe this gospel...

2Timothy 1:6-14

- We are to *“fan into flame the gift of God”*...
- We are *“not to be ashamed of the testimony of Jesus”*...
- We are to *“share in the suffering of the gospel by the power of God”*...
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What is being done here today is an act of obedience and faith. It’s also a declaration of “In God we Trust!”

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