

Series "Our Riches In Christ"
"The Son's Blessings"
Ephesians 1:7-12
Study-3

1-3 – Wealth of the Christian; 4-6 – Walk of the Christian.

Ephesians 1:3-14 introduces us to the trinity and their part in the redemptive plan. It tells us that all 3 persons of the trinity do not work independently, they work together to make possible our salvation.

Verses 3-6 – Blessings of the Father.

Verses 7-12 – Blessings of Jesus Christ.

Verses 13-14 – Blessings of the Spirit.

The Thought Of The Passage: "Sacrifice Of Jesus Means Being Purchased, Forgiven, Granted Knowledge Of His Will With An Inheritance."

- 1. Verse 7 – Blessing Of Redemption**
- 2. Verse 7 – Blessing Of Forgiveness**
- 3. Verses 8-10 – Blessing Of His Will**
- 4. Verses 11-12 – Blessing Of An Inheritance**

1. Verse 7 – Blessing Of Redemption:

Ephesians 1:7

"In Him" – This is what this book of Ephesians is all about; "in Him, in Christ, in Jesus Christ," used over 20X in this book.

"we have redemption" – The basic meaning of this word is "to purchase and set free by paying a price."

There are 3 Greek words for "Redemption" that give to us a full meaning of what Christ has done for us:

- 1. "Buy in the market place" – this word emphasized the price that was paid. Leviticus 25:23-28 speaks of the "Kinsman Redeemer."**

Matthew 20:28 – "give His life a ransom for many."

Luke 24:21; Titus 2:14

- 2. "To buy out of the market place so that the one purchased might never return again."** – Never be sold again, but would still be a slave.

This word speaks to the Christian that when they are redeemed by the Lord, they never have to be sold under the slavery of sin again; we don't have to be controlled by sin, John 8:34.

Romans 6:6; Romans 6:19

- 3. "To buy, to loose, set free or deliver out of slavery, not only to never be sold again on the slave market, but to be set free, never to be a slave again."** – John 8:36.

"redemption through His blood" – The means of redemption is the sacrificial substitutionary death of Christ, Romans 6:23.

1 Peter 1:18-19

2. Verse 7 – Blessing Of Forgiveness:

Ephesians 1:7 – "forgiveness of our trespasses," – Redemption and forgiveness are different.

Redemption is the securing of something by payment.

Forgiveness is received when we respond to the Gospel. The price has been paid but we need to accept it personally.

The word "forgiveness" – "to carry away;" which is the immediate result of a believer's release from sin's hold.

"trespasses" – "the crossing over a known boundary;" this is sin, it is missing the mark, but much more, it describes "willful disobedience."

Leviticus 16:7-10 – "The Day Of Atonement" or "Yom Kippur," a day once a year when the sins of Israel were held back.

Psalms 103:12; Isaiah 44:22; Jeremiah 31:34; Micah 7:19

Psalms 32:1-5

- 1. Penalty of sin** – past sins, Romans 6:23.
- 2. Power of sin** – The deliverance of sin, not being controlled by sin, Romans 6:6.

3. Presence of sin – 1 John 3:2.

“according to the riches of His grace,” – Notice it does not say “Out of the riches of His grace,” but “according to the riches!” God, the possessor of all, gives liberally to us, Romans 5:20.

3. Verses 8-10 – Blessing Of His Will:

Ephesians 1:8 – “which He lavished on us.” – Literally, “more than enough, to super abound.”

F.F. Bruce said, “To make being ‘under grace’ an excuse for sinning is a sign that one is not really ‘under grace’ at all.”

“In all wisdom” – Literally, “skill in handicraft and art, one who can put things together.” This is a reference to spiritual wisdom that comes from God alone.

“and insight” – literally “common sense;” mental action or activity, intellectual or moral insight, prudence;” it is a product of wisdom. Right thinking leads to right actions; it is insight that is the effective use of wisdom.

Book of Proverbs presents Wisdom then Understanding “as hands on!”

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Ephesians 1:9 – But the term “mystery” in Scripture means “something once hidden or formerly unknown but now has been revealed.”

Ephesians 3:1-6 – Mystery of the Jews and Gentiles coming together as one in the Church through the Gospel.

1 Corinthians 15:51 – Mystery of the rapture, were types in O.T. but revealed in the N.T.

1 Timothy 3:16 – Mystery of godliness. Jesus in the flesh, God in the flesh.

“mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him,” – God has given us His wisdom and insight that we might understand His will for us in Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:10 – “with a view to an administration” – management.

“suitable to the fullness of times” – The completion of God’s timetable for humanity; The setting up of God’s kingdom the millennium age.

“that is, the summing up” – Literally, “headstone, finishing of a conversation.” – “of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth.”

4. Verses 11-12 – Blessing Of An Inheritance:

Ephesians 1:11 – “also we have obtained an inheritance,” – There are two ways to look at this:

1. We have obtained an inheritance, 1 Peter 1:3-4.
2. We were made an inheritance, Ephesians 1:18.

“having been predestined according to His purpose” – God’s purpose of His design for us in salvation to be pre-designed according to His specs.
Ephesians 1:5 – “He predestined us to adoption as sons”

Ephesians 1:12 – “to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ” – Paul, being a Jew, makes the point that the Jews were called by God, God’s purpose of the Christ coming through Israel, were the first chronologically to receive Jesus Christ, Acts 1:8; 13:46; 28:25-28; Romans 1:16.

Application:

1. Jesus, Through His Death, Redeemed The Believer Out Of The Slave Market Of Sin; A Redemption In Which The Believer Is Never To Be Sold Again On The Slave Market Of Sin, But Is Free Indeed.
2. Through Redemption, We Experience The Forgiveness Of Sins; The Immediate Result Of The Believer’s Release From Sin’s Hold.
3. Through Jesus Christ, We Have Been Blessed With Wisdom And Insight Into God’s Plan For The Ages.
4. Through Jesus Christ, We Have Obtained An Inheritance And Were Made An Inheritance; We, Having Been Pre-designed According To His Purpose.