

# EPHESIANS 1:7-10

LESSON 04

## *Redemption In Christ*

### 1. Ephesians 1:6-7 – In Whom?

- a. Calvinist “grace” is not necessarily Christ’s cross for you, but God’s choice of you.
- b. Pauline grace refers to the finished work of Christ, not an arbitrary choice.
- c. No one is chosen, predestinated, accepted unless they are “in Christ”
- d. “In Christ” requires Christ come & die, none in Christ before the world 1Co15:21-22

### 2. Ephesians 1:7 – Redemption Through His Blood

- a. Redemption ~*def.* to buy back, to purchase, to deliver, rescue, liberate, make free
- b. Atonement provides the payment, forgiveness provides the key – Rom 3:23-25
- c. Redeemed from what? law, sin, death, iniquity, guilt – Ti 2:14, Gal 3:13, 4:5
- d. Made free from the law of sin and death – Rom 6:18, Gal 2:4, 5:1
- e. “*through his blood*” – which was necessary and precious – 1 Pe 1:18-19, Ro 3:25
  - i. It was sinless human blood that belonged to the eternal God – Acts 20:28
- f. “*forgiveness of sins*” – is everyone forgiven? If so, then everyone is redeemed also.
  - i. “*in whom we have*” - The difference between provision and possession
  - ii. All of these blessings we have are after our choice of faith – not before.
  - iii. For the unbeliever to possess (to have) forgiveness he must be in Christ.
- g. “*riches of his grace*” – The blessings given freely – Rom 3:24, 8:32, 1 Cor 2:12
  - i. Mentioned 3x – once in each chapter Eph 1:7, 2:7, 3:8

### 3. Ephesians 1:8-10 – The Mystery of His Will

- a. “*wherein*” → the riches of his grace dispensed to the apostle Paul – Eph 3:2, 3:7-8
- b. “*abounded*” - mentioned 20x by Paul – Rom 5:20, 6:1, 2Co 9:8, Phi 4:12 are notable
  - i. Not just in a payment for sins but in more things – 1 Cor 1:30-31
- c. “*wisdom of God*” = his purpose/plan – Eph 3:10, 1 Cor 1:21, 1:24, 2:7-8
- d. “*and prudence*” = practical wisdom which lines up with Eph 4-6
- e. “*mystery of his will*” – is now made known! Rom 16:26, 1 Tim 2:4, 1Th 4:3, 5:18
- f. Eph 5:17- Be not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is