

**Sermon Title:** Redeemed

**Sermon Series:** Ephesians: Who We Are

**Scripture:** Ephesians 1:7-10

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### **Ephesians 1:1–10 ESV**

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

### **Redeem - buy, purchase**

Your primary identity is what Christ Jesus has done for you.

**Christ** \_\_\_\_\_ **you.**

## **Ephesians 1:7 ESV**

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**1. Christ redeemed you by His \_\_\_\_\_.**

“He bought me.”

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**2. Christ redeemed you by His \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Grace** - unconditional love of God

**God's**

**Riches**

**At**

**Christ's**

**Expense**

### **Romans 3:24–25 ESV**

24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

### **Ephesians 2:8–9 ESV**

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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***“I want to be glorified by loving My people with the ultimate, rich, lavish love of my grace.”***

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**3. Christ redeemed you because that's His \_\_\_\_\_.**

**God's plan is Jesus.**

**John 14:6 ESV**

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**John 3:16 ESV**

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**John 1:12 ESV**

12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

*"The redeemed are dependent on God for all. All that we have—wisdom, the pardon of sin, deliverance, acceptance in God's favor, grace, holiness, true comfort and happiness, eternal life and glory—we have from God by a Mediator; and this Mediator is God. God not only gives us the Mediator, and accepts His mediation, and of His power and grace bestows the things purchased by the Mediator, but He is the Mediator. Our blessings are what we have by purchase; and the purchase is made of God; the blessings are purchased of Him; and not only so, but God is the purchaser. Yes, God is both the purchaser and the price; for Christ, who is God, purchased these blessings by offering Himself as the price of our salvation."*

—Jonathan Edwards

***Jesus is the plan.***

**God adopted you.**

**He paid for you.**

**You're His!**

## Questions:

1. Pray.
2. Tell of a time when someone bought something for you that you didn't think you deserved.
3. Read [Ephesians 1:3-10](#).
4. In your own words, describe what it means to be *redeemed* by God.
5. The text tells us that God "lavished" his "riches of his grace" "upon us, in all wisdom and insight." What do you think that means?
6. Verse 9 speaks of the "mystery of his will." According to what you see in [Ephesians 1](#), what is the "mystery of his will"? Why is knowing the "mystery of his will" important?
7. In what ways does being redeemed by Christ define who you are? Are there any ways that Christ's redemption does not affect your life?
8. How might your *redeemed* identity in Christ inform how you handle a difficult situation or relationship? How might who you are in Christ affect how you feel or respond to challenges in life?
9. Pray.