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**Appropriate responses pt 2**  
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**Ephesians 1:7-14**

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Knowing what worship is, what could you do to engage more deeply in worship?
  2. Why do people not like to admit the truth about themselves? How can grace help us with that?
  3. How do you think God “lavishes” grace on us? Do you “lavish” grace on others?
  4. How does Ephesian 1:10 compare with John 17:22-23?
  5. What can you apply to your life from this study?
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**Teaching Notes:**

**As we learn about who God is and what He has done for us...**

...as we learn who He says we are...

**...there are appropriate responses.**

**Worship is a personal and corporate opportunity to respond to who God is and what He has done.**

**...Worship is the appropriate response to knowing God.**

“Worship is the believer’s response of all that they are – mind, emotions, will, body – to what God is and says and does.”

**Warren Wiersbe**

**We give praise from our lips, we express love from our heart**

...we recite our **commitment from our will.**

...**Big idea:** We become like what we worship.

**The Father’s choosing, Son’s redeeming, Spirit’s sealing:**

**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,**

...the Son’s Redeeming...

**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,**

**Redemption:** means to buy back from slavery or debt

**Blood:** where the life is

**Trespasses:** those things we have done wrong on purpose

**Grace:** unmerited, undeserved favor

**If the wages or result or consequence of sin is death...**

...The price or payment or cost of our redemption is a life.

Jesus paid to buy us back, to pay our debt, to **redeem** us.

**People struggle w/guilt, shame, feeling undeserving, hopeless**

They think because of the things they have done or the things done to them, there is no way out, no hope.

**BUT...the truth is we are guilty!**

We have all sinned.

**Don't try to erase the truth just accept God's grace.**

Grace is "lavished" upon us... overflowing/abounding.

**What is the appropriate response to this grace?**

1. **Soak in and share His grace.**

**God's grace should influence who we are and everything we do as believers.**

**But...is all this grace really a good idea?**

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.

**Grace may seem like a bad idea, but God thinks it is the best.**

**What is His ultimate purpose? To unite all things in Him.**

What is the appropriate response to our redemption?

2. **Be united and unite others.**

**Sometimes we forget it is not just about us personally...**

...it is about all of us corporately, united in Christ...

...the redeemer of **all mankind**, the savior of all the **world**.

**We should be LOOKING for ways to unite in Christ...**

**...not divide over differences...**

**11** In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, **12** so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

Besides unity...God is working towards His glory.

**You were not just chosen to start. You were chosen to finish.**

...And it is to the praise of His glory that you do.

**What is our appropriate response?**

### **3. Rest in His will and give Him glory.**

There are no self made Christians.

He has made us all, He has redeemed us all, He has forgiven us all, He has a plan for us all, He has given us all an inheritance,  
...and He will bring us all to the end.

#### **Paul finishes the sentence with this...**

**13** In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, **14** who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

#### **The Holy Spirit gives us the power to run the race...**

**...and is the guarantee we will finish the race.**

#### **But herein is the other half of the equation...**

**...We must believe in Him.**

II Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

You must believe, you must turn to Him, you must decide to follow

What is the appropriate response?

### **4. Believe and obey.**