

“IN HIM WE HAVE REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD!”

(Ephesians 1:7-10)

I. INTRODUCTION (1:1-2)

II. THE BELIEVER’S POSITION IN CHRIST (1:3-3:21)

A. Spiritual Blessings in Christ (1:3-14)

1. Every believer is considered positionally “*in Him*” (in Jesus) from the very moment he/she places one’s _____ in _____ for salvation. (v. 7a)

2. Jesus had to “buy us” out of the slave market of _____, and the purchase price for our _____ (Gr *apolutrosis*) was astronomical, it was His own shed _____. (v. 7b, cf., Acts 20:28)

*What are some other NT words referring to redemption?

-*Agorazo / exagorazo* (verbs): refers to _____ in the marketplace (*agora*) (1 Cor. 6:20; Gal. 3:13; Rev. 5:9; 14:3-4).

-*Lytron / lytrosis* (nouns): the act of freeing by a _____ (Matt. 20:28; Mark 10:45; Luke 1:68; 2:38; 1 Pet. 1:18-19).

-*Apolytrosis* (noun): a _____, a setting free by paying a ransom (Luke 21:28; Rom. 3:24; 1 Cor. 1:30; Eph. 1:7, 14; 4:30; Col. 1:14; Heb. 9:15).

3. One of the many glorious results of _____ the Gospel of salvation is receiving the judicial _____ (Gr. *aphesis*) of one’s _____. (v. 7c, cf., Matt. 9:2; Rom. 4:7; Eph. 1:7; 4:32; Col. 1:14; Heb. 9:22)

4. Paul informs us that this redemption and forgiveness of sins is “*according to the _____ of His _____*” which He extravagantly lavished on us. (v. 7d, cf. 1:18; 2:4, 7; 3:8, 16)
5. Notice in v. 8 that it is God who made all these marvelous things “*abound toward us...*”
- a. *in all _____* - the objective _____ into the true nature of a holy God, our sin, and the redemptive plan of salvation. (Prov. 9:10; Col. 1:9)
 - b. *in all _____* - the ability to be able to _____ the proper appropriation of wisdom.
6. All of this was only accomplished because of God who was _____ to make _____ to us the _____ of His will; i.e., a previously hidden truth now revealed to His people. (v. 9, cf., Eph. 3:2-9; 5:32; Col. 1:26-27; 2:2; 4:3)
7. The “*dispensation*” (Gr. *oikonomia*) in view here is the Millennial _____ of Christ on the earth as _____, during which everyone and everything will be _____ His sovereign rule. (v. 10, cf. Isa. 2:2-4; 11:1-10; 1 Cor. 15:27; Col. 1:19-20)

* What is a dispensation?

* How can you personally apply this truth today?