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:: Summary

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."* In Ephesians 1:7-10 the apostle Paul declares that in Christ, we receive the blessings of redemption, revelation, and reunion. In the fullness of time, these blessings will result in all things coming together in unity, harmony and wholeness under Jesus Christ who is Lord of all.

:: Share

We have all experienced situations where a family member or close friend was acting in a mysterious way and only later was it revealed that they were planning something special for us. Describe a time when that happened to you.

:: Explore and Discuss | Ephesians 1:7-10

Read Ephesians 1:7-10. What key words or phrases highlight God's character and attitude toward us?

Your redemption was made possible by Jesus offering up his life in your place and dying the death you deserve. It was a gruesome physical death to be sure but at the heart of it, it isn't primarily that Jesus suffered physically and died. What did Jesus do on your behalf that resulted in your sins being forgiven? (hint: read Romans 5:9, Ephesians 2:3, 5:6)

What does it mean that God will one day bring "unity to all things in heaven and earth under Christ"?

:: Apply it to Your Life

Describe one way your heart is troubled by the fractured nature (brokenness) of this world.

Read Colossians 1:16-17 and Ephesians 1:10. How do these verses affect how you relate to and worship Jesus?

:: Pray

Lord Jesus you are Lord of all. One day all things will be brought together under your sovereign rule. What was broken in the fall will be restored in the Kingdom that is to come. Grant us the vision to see this glorious future and the grace and power to live now as your redeemed people in ways that bring heaven to earth. Amen.



