

OUR REDEMPTION IN CHRIST

(Ephesians 1:7-10)

- I. What Our Redemption IS (Ephesians 1:7a)
 - A. Its MEANING—Christ PAID a RANSOM to deliver us (cf. Gal. 1:3-4)
 - 1. He BOUGHT us IN sin's slave market
 - 2. He TOOK us OUT OF sin's slave market
 - 3. He FREED us from SLAVERY to sin
 - B. Its MEANS—by the shedding of Christ's BLOOD (cf. Matt. 26:28; Heb. 9:22; 1 John 1:7b; 1 Peter 1:18-22; Rev. 1:5; 12:10-11)
 - C. Its MEASURE
 - 1. The beneficiaries are those the Father CHOSE
 - 2. The supply is ABUNDANT

- II. What We LOSE in Christ (Ephesians 1:7b-8a)
 - A. FORGIVENESS removes our GUILT for trespasses
 - B. FORGIVENESS removes our PUNISHMENT for sins
 - C. FORGIVENESS is applied ABUNDANTLY

III. What We GAIN in Christ (Eph. 1:8b-10)

A. PROVISION for LIVING (8b)

1. Lavished on us WISDOM
2. Lavished on us INSIGHT

B. REVELATION of God's PURPOSE (9-10)

1. Made this KNOWN to US
2. Had been a "MYSTERY"
3. Sourced in God's SOVEREIGNTY
4. Included His GRACE in REDEMPTION
5. To be ultimately fulfilled in Christ's ETERNAL KINGDOM
6. Ultimate result will be unification of "THE ALL" in CHRIST
 - a. Includes unity of ALL BELIEVERS
 - b. Includes having ALL CREATION restored under one HEAD