

BOUGHT FOR FREEDOM'S SAKE (Ephesians 1:7-12)

- I. Paul's greeting to the Church in Ephesus (1:1-2)
- II. The Wealth of the Church (1:3-3:21)
 - A. Praise for Redemption (1:3-14)
 - a. The Role of the Father (1:3-6)
 - b. The Role of the Son (1:7-12)

God the Son is worthy of our praise...

1. ...because of His _____ redemptive work in shedding His blood to secure our _____ (vs. 7).

**What three meanings for 'redemption' do we find in Scripture? What usage do we see here?*

**What three observations can we make about God's plan for redemption?*

'In Him' –

'through His blood' -

'according to the riches of His grace' -

2. ...because of His abundant _____ which He poured out upon us through _____ (vv. 7-9a).

**What fourfold description can we observe about God's grace through Jesus Christ?*

'which he made to abound' -

'toward us' -

'in all wisdom' -

'in all prudence' -

Principle to Ponder #1: _____ through Christ's blood cannot be separated from God's _____ and _____.

3. ...because of the Old Testament _____ that has been revealed regarding Christ's future _____ as Jews and Gentiles benefit alike from God's grace and forgiveness (vv. 9-10).

**What is a mystery? What are some examples?*

**What four qualifiers can we discern about this example of God's revelation?*

'to us' -

'of His will' -

'according to His good pleasure' -

'which He purposed in Himself' -

**What five additional things can we observe about the mystery or 'gathering together?'*

'in the dispensation of the fullness of times' (when) -

'together in one' (how) -

'all things' (what) -

'in Christ' (who) -

'both which are in heaven and which are on the earth in Him' (where) -

4. ...because of the _____ that believers have received in Jesus Christ – a direct result of our _____ in Him (vs. 11).

**Is foreknowledge the same as foreordination? Does it matter?*

Principle to Ponder #2: Salvation is only a _____ of the bigger picture, namely _____ restoration of sinful mankind in the _____ of Jesus Christ.

**Are you living for God's grace and glory? Do you look forward to His coming Kingdom?*