

EPHESIANS 1:7-10
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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, 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.

PREPARATION QUESTIONS

- What benefits does Paul say we have in Christ in v. 7? Redemption conveys the idea of deliverance. What do we need deliverance from (see Rom. 6:16-23)?

- What does Paul mean that we have redemption “through his blood” (v. 7)? Why does Paul refer to the “blood” of Christ and not merely to the death of Christ? (see Rom. 3:23-25, Heb. 10:1-18)

- What is one thing from the sermon that was helpful or encouraged you?

- What insights into God’s nature do you see in these four verses? In what ways does this encourage you in your Christian life?

- In vv. 7 & 8, Paul writes that our redemption is according to “the riches of his (God’s) grace, which he lavished upon us....” What ought to be our responses to this lavish outpouring of grace upon us?