

THE POWER OF REDEMPTION  
EPHESIANS 1:7-14

LAST WEEK WE BEGAN THE PASSIONATE EPISTLE OF EPHESIANS. PAUL, POSSIBLY THE GREATEST EVANGELIST (BESIDES JESUS) WRITES THIS EMOTIONAL MASTERPIECE OF DOCTRINE (BELIEF), THEOLOGY (THE STUDY OF GOD), DOXOLOGY (PRAISE), AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION (WISDOM). PAUL SEEMS TO BE ECSTATIC AS HE WRITES. PRAISE BE TO THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!! WHY? GOD HAS BLESSED US (THE SINNER) WITH EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS THAT BELONGS TO CHRIST. WE WERE CHOSEN, PREDESTINED FOR ADOPTION INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD BEFORE ANYTHING THAT WAS MADE WAS MADE. THIS IS ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS PLEASURE AND WILL. THIS IS AMAZING GRACE, CHURCH. WE CONTINUE TODAY IN THE EMPHATIC EMOTION OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES. GET READY TO RECEIVE A BLESSING THROUGH REVELATION OF THE TRUTH. WE ARE LOVED BY GOD!! THANK YOU, JESUS!!

Ephesians 1:7-8 NIV

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REDEMPTION/ΑΠΟΛΥΤΩΣΙΣ/LOOSE WHAT IS BOUND, TO BUY BACK, LIBERATE BY PAYMENT OF A RANSOM  
SLAVES COULD BE REDEEMED BY PAYING THE OWNER THE DEBT OWED, THEN SET FREE

JESUS WAS QUALIFIED TO BE OUR REDEEMER ACCORDING TO THE OLD TESTAMENT LAW OF THE KINSMAN-REDEEMER BECAUSE HE MET ALL THREE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE GOEL (REFER TO THE BOOK OF RUTH)

1. HE HAD TO BE RELATED TO THE ONE NEEDING REDEMPTION

Hebrews 2:10-17 NIV

<sup>10</sup> In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. <sup>11</sup> Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises." <sup>13</sup> And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." <sup>14</sup> Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— <sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. <sup>17</sup> For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

## 2. HE HAD TO BE ABLE TO PAY THE PRICE

1 Peter 1:18-19 NIV

<sup>18</sup> For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

## 3. HE HAD TO BE WILLING TO PAY THE RANSOM PRICE

John 10:14-18 NIV

<sup>14</sup> “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

JESUS, CAME TO EARTH FROM GLORY, TO SAVE SINNERS. THIS IS GLORIOUS GRACE THAT HE LAVISHED ON US

THIS IS WHY SALVATION (ETERNAL LIFE) IS FOUND ONLY IN JESUS CHRIST

Ephesians 1:7-9 NIV

<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup> he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,

MYSTERY/MUSTERION/A TRUTH UNDISCOVERABLE EXCEPT BY REVELATION, A FACT WHICH, WHEN REVEALED, WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND IN DETAIL, THOUGH WE CAN KNOW IT AND ACT UPON IT

IT WAS MADE KNOWN ACCORDING TO GOD'S KIND INTENTION.... A MYSTERY NOT KNOWN FOR AGES

Romans 3:21-26 NIV

<sup>21</sup> But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— <sup>26</sup> he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

## IT WAS ALWAYS THE PLAN FOR JESUS TO DIE IN OUR PLACE

Ephesians 1:7-10 NIV

<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup> he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup> to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN SO MUCH DIVISION IN THIS WORLD, IN GOD'S TIMING ALL THINGS WILL BE UNITED IN CHRIST.... PERFECT UNITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM AND THE NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH. IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT WE LIVE IN SUCH A WAY THAT UNIFIES, UNTIL THAT GLORIOUS DAY WHEN HE RETURNS TO SET EVERYTHING RIGHT, IN PERFECT UNITY

Ephesians 1:11-12 NIV

<sup>11</sup> In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup> in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

PAUL IS TALKING ABOUT THE JEWISH CHRISTIANS AT THAT TIME, PREDESTINED TO BE THE "TRAILBLAZERS" OF THE FAITH

## THE FATHER WORKS OUT AND CONFORMS EVERYTHING TO FULFILL HIS PURPOSE...THE GOOD AND THE BAD

Ephesians 1:13-14 NIV

<sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

BELIEVED/PISTEUO/BELIEF THAT EFFECTS INTELLECTUALLY BUT ALSO TRANSFORMS THE HEART RESULTING IN A CHANGE OF CONDUCT AND DIRECTION

KINGS WOULD SEAL LETTERS BY PUTTING WAX ON IT AND PRESSING THEIR SIGNANT RING ON IT

DEPOSIT/ARRABON/ DOWNPAYMENT WITH A GUARENTEE OF RECEIVING THE FULL INHERITENCE

John 14:15-21 NIV

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but

you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

WE HAVE BEEN REDEEMED BUT HAVE YET TO RECEIVE OUR FULL INHERITENCE, OUR REDEEMED GLORIFIED BODIES UNTIL THEN, WE HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO TEACH, PROTECT, CONVICT, ENCOURAGE, AND GUIDE US. UNTIL WE ARE FINALLY HOME

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