

A Life of Blessing... Redemption.  
Ephesians 1:7-8

Did you ever want to start over?

PRAY This passage shows and offers so much to us that it would be easy to focus on the benefits rather than on the reason we have them.

Three parts

The work of Father verses 3-6.

The Father planned.

The work of the Son verses 7-12 .

The Son works.

The work of the Holy Spirit verses 13-14.

The Holy Spirit applies.

Why do we praise God?

Chosen, adopted, now in verse seven: redemption and forgiveness.

God's goal is that you would praise Him for all that He has done seen in His grace.

We are now looking at the second section; the works and benefits of the Son

The next 2 verses

Pictorial payout of these two verses.

### In him we have

Paul in verses 4-6 described God's actions of blessings in the past,

Now the tense (present) and subject (Christ) change.

What "we have" The present experience of this blessing is a possession, we have it.

Much in this world is experienced for a short time or can be taken away.

### redemption

Redemption involves a payment of some kind to ransom or recovers something that has been taken away. In the OT this word had a legal sense dealing with property or persons

Lev 25 released of a slave of land by payment or ransom

Israel is released from bondage of Egypt, exile of Babylon

Deut. 15:15 Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you.

Here is the work of deliverance, deliverance from death because of our sin.

All three of the Godhead are involved in redemption, but it is primarily the work of Jesus.

God the Father is offended by our sin, God's justice must be satisfied.

His wrath, love and directive rests on Christ, the mediator of our redemption.

The Holy Spirit secures and sanctifies it.

We cannot by payment or by conquest free ourselves to the slavery and bondage of sin.

Deliverance that is needed to releases us is by payment great price.

### through his blood,

This is the agency by which it is done.

The price of God's ransom from sin's captivity is the sacrifice of Jesus.

This redemption has been provided by the cross

Colossians 1:20 by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross

Eph. 2:13 you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ

Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law

Blood synonymous with death- sacrifice substitution – cross.

His freedom did not come with a snap of the fingers or a declaration of words or a signed document, but a demonstration of love in the death of Jesus.

Heb 9:12 He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

### **the forgiveness of sins,**

Do you know that sin matters to God.

We live in a world where sin is not defined and does not matter to us.

Here the word for sins is “transgressions” “to break the law”.

In Romans No transgression is possible if there is now law.

To transgress means to cross the line of right, the trespass, going beyond boundaries God has placed for us. To deviate from the path.

The meaning of redemption leads to forgiveness without it we would live in eternal guilt and shame. This is worthy of praise: The sinless one became sin for us,

sin is condemned not I, the debt has been cancelled and removed

The problem of the pardon of sin is so great that it can only be paid for by the God who is sufficient enough in himself to be the substitute. Rom 3:23-25

the price is seen in the riches of God's grace

### **in accordance the riches of God's grace**

Inexhaustible resources. More than a credit card rich dad.

It is in accord with His nature and the quality of wealthy abundance

It is a greatness beyond our comprehension, priceless.

### **<sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us**

Lavished- extreme abundance. Poured out.

Pictorial payout of these two verses.

He is not just a gracious God, but an overwhelmingly gracious God

### **with all wisdom and understanding.**

These are qualifiers of God's action, one idea stated in two words. Perfect wisdom

Not just random but thinking ahead

He knew that my sin would require His son's death

My cousin's family adopting a child with fetal alcohol syndrome. Knowing the background and problems that will come with the child. They pay and obtain the child for the child's present and future good.

No wrath. No Judgment. Now relationship.

Not just freedom from death and forgiveness of sins but the joy of the inheritance of His children and eternal life, in which we gain access to all the blessings.

Jesus Christ, God's perfect son took my place and my punishment receiving the wrath of God. He died for my sins so that I could be forgiven.

Today we respond to this redeeming sacrifice in the taking of communion  
Communion is devotional.

Cup symbolizes the blood of Christ reminding us of the sacrificial meaning of redemption  
Bread symbolizes the body of Christ which He gave for us.

Whenever we partake of communion:

we place before our eyes the necessity of the Cross,  
we recall to our minds the remembrance of salvation,  
we hold in our hands the reminder of the payment and price of our sins,  
we stand with the forgiven ones in the fellowship of the body of Christ,  
we taste of the elements that point us to Christ's death,  
we share in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus,  
we anticipate the salvation that is to come, oh Maranatha.  
we fill our hearts with gratitude and praise for the riches of God's grace,

We celebrate open communion

Acts 20:28 the church of God which he bought with his own blood

We invite believers to partake

You can enjoy and experience forgiveness today if by faith you turn to x

I John 1:9 forgiveness takes place when sinner repents and has faith in the beloved

**BENEVOLENCE**

I Peter 1:18-19