

Redemption Ephesians 1:7-10

Introduction

NJFK—household management—family chores with a goal in mind

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Redemption—redeem/ransom means to buy back

Human beings (and all universe) belong to God because He created everyone and everything.

Sin/Satan—a liar, thief, and murderer

God bought us back from our slavery to lies, sin, and death

Price—his blood
Innocent life for the guilty

Forgiveness—release, pardon, cancel a debt

of our **trespasses**—false step, transgression
We all have stepped over God’s “no trespassing” signs, His boundaries.

The measure of forgiveness God provides—
“According to the riches of his grace”

Which he **lavished** on us—overflowing abundance

In all **wisdom and insight**—His gift to us touches all areas of skillful living and practical understanding

Colossians 1:9-10

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

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The **mystery** of his will—once hidden, now revealed

According to his **purpose**—his good pleasure
Same expression in 1:5 “according to the purpose of his will”

Which he set forth in Christ . . .

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As a **plan**—household management, administration, hence a plan or strategy

For the fullness of **time** (*kairos*, not *chronos*—a season of opportunity, versus just the passing days on the calendar)

To **unite** all things—to gather together (KJV)—in Him

“All things” equals

The things in heaven (the heavens) and the things on the earth

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

The universal headship of Christ—all things visible and invisible were created through Him and for Him (Colossians 1:16)

Because of His cross work, Christ has been given all authority over heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18), but it will not be fully realized till the end of the age

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