

Intro.

God's grace & peace with God.

Redemption.

▶▶ Specifically, ~ what we're talking about is the fact that ~ ¶¶

▷▷ all who ~ have openly declared that Jesus is Lord ~ ¶¶

↳↳ and believe in their heart that God raised him from the dead ~ have redemption.

Celebrate God's grace & peace with him.

▶▶ We've been redeemed.

And of course, ~ redemption ~ fits right in ~ with the cross of Jesus.

▶▶ Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.

Focus On Eph. 1:7-8a.

Context.

Eph. 1:7-8a.

▶▶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. 1/9

Outline.

▶▶ 7b, ~ Paul states that ~ we have redemption. ⇨⇨ Main point.

▶▶ And Paul adds 4 pts concerning our having redemption.

▷▷ 1st, ~ in Jesus.

▷▷ 2nd, ~ through Jesus' blood.

▷▷ 3rd, ~ included in our redemption was ~ the forgiveness of sins.

▷▷ 4th, ~ our redemption is ~ according to the riches of God's grace which he lavished upon us.

1st, ~ let's look at the fact that we have redemption.

The Greek word for ~ redemption ~ was used to refer ~ to the freeing of slaves ~ through the payment of a price,

▶▶ I.e., ~ by paying whatever was required to free the individual from slavery.

▷▷ Believers have been redeemed, ~ we have been freed from slavery, ~ ¶¶

↳↳ because the requirement to free us was met.

→→ More on this in a little bit.

▶▶ The question arises then, ~ to what ~ were we enslaved? 2/9

▶▶ Well, ~ according to Scripture, ~ before God redeemed us, ~ we were enslaved in at least 3 ways.

▷▷ To sin, ~ our sinful flesh, ~ Satan.

▷▷ In Rom. 6: ~ 17 & 20, ~ Paul tells us that before God saved us we were slaves of sin.

▷▷ In Titus 3: ~ 3a (LEB), ~ Paul writes of our former, ~ unsaved condition, ~ ¶¶

↳↳ For we also were once foolish, disobedient, ~ led astray, ~ enslaved to various desires and pleasures.

→→ I.e., ~ sinful desires and pleasures.

▷▷ In 2 Tim. 2: ~ 26, ~ Paul says that before we were redeemed, ~ ¶¶

↳↳ we had been captured by [Satan] to do his will.

▶▶ And from this slavery, ~ Paul says in Eph. 1:7, ~ believers in Jesus have been redeemed.

▷▷ God has liberated us from this slavery to sin, ~ to our sinful flesh, ~ and to Satan.

▶▶ But, ~ God did not just liberate us from slavery ~ and then leave us on our own.

▷▷ Paul explains in Col. 1:13 (LEB).

▷▷ In verse 13a, ~ he tells us that God has rescued us ~ [i.e., ~ believers] ~ from the domain of darkness.

↳↳ Here Paul is referring to our redemption. 3/9

↪↪ When we were enslaved to sin, ~ our sinful flesh, ~ and to Satan, ~ ¶¶

→→ we existed in ~ and were ruled by ~ the domain of darkness.

↪↪ And from this domain ~ God redeemed us.

▷▷ Then in [verse 13b](#), ~ Paul points out ~ that God went further.

↪↪ He did not leave us on our own.

→→ Paul continues, ~ God [transferred us ~ to the kingdom of the Son he loves](#).

We should mention here ~ that the form of the verb that Paul uses for "we have," ~ ¶¶

▶▶ when he says, ~ we have redemption, ~ means ~ that our redemption is an ongoing state.

▶▶ IOW, ~ genuine believers ~ will always have redemption, ~ will always live in Jesus' kingdom.

▷▷ There is no expiration date on our freedom from our slavery to sin, ~ to our sinful flesh, ~ and to Satan.

▷▷ There is no expiration date for our being in the Kingdom of Jesus.

▶▶ And there's more.

▷▷ There's no expiration date on Jesus' kingdom.

↪↪ [Dan. 7:13-14](#). [4/9](#)

Now Let's Turn Our Attention To The 4 Points Paul Adds Concerning Our Having Redemption.

1st, ~ We have redemption in him.

▶▶ I.e., ~ in Jesus.

▶▶ Here Paul is identifying ~ exactly who achieved our redemption for us.

▷▷ Jesus, ~ and Jesus alone.

▶▶ Scripture clear.

▷▷ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

▷▷ 1 Tim., ~ Jesus ~ gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

▷▷ In Titus, ~ Jesus ~ gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness.

▷▷ Jesus ~ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

▷▷ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

▷▷ And Peter, ~ There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.

▶▶ Therefore, ~ as Paul wrote, ~ Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord. 5/9

The 2nd point that Paul adds concerning our redemption.

▶▶ We have redemption through his ~ [i.e., ~ Jesus'] ~ blood.

▶▶ Jesus achieved our redemption.

▷▷ And shedding his blood was how ~ he achieved our redemption.

▶▶ As said earlier, ~ the Greek word for "redemption" ~ was used for freeing a slave ~ 77

▷▷ by doing whatever was required to free the individual.

▶▶ Heb. 9:22b (LEB) tells us, ~ and apart from the shedding of blood ~ there is no forgiveness.

▶▶ Lev. 17:11 (NIV).

▷▷ For the life of a creature is in the blood, ~ and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; ~ it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.

▶▶ So the price required to obtain our redemption was blood, ~ but not just any blood.

▷▷ In 1 Pet. 1:18.

↳↳ Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, ~ not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ~ but with the precious blood of Christ, ~ like that of a lamb without blemish or spot."

▷▷ The description of Jesus as ~ a lamb without blemish or spot ~ alludes to the ~ requirements for the Passover lamb. 6/9

↪↪ The Israelites who left Egypt ~ had been saved from the angel of death ~ 77

→→ because of the blood ~ of an unblemished and spotless lamb.

▷▷ Likewise, ~ our redemption could only be secured by the blood of a 100% pure and sinless person.

↪↪ This is what was required to free us from slavery to sin, ~ to our sinful flesh, ~ and to Satan.

→→ And because Jesus was 100% pure and sinless, ~ His precious blood ~ 77

↪↪ like that of a lamb without blemish or spot, ~ met the required cost of our redemption.

▷▷ Heb. 9:11-12 (LEB).

↪↪ But Christ has arrived as a high priest of the good things to come. ~ Through the greater and more perfect tent not made by hands, ~ that is, ~ not of this creation ~ [referring to more perfect Tabernacle in heaven], ~ 77

→→ and not by the blood of goats and calves, ~ but by his own blood, ~ he entered once for all into the most holy place, ~ obtaining eternal redemption.

▶▶ Jesus did what was required to free us from slavery to sin, ~ to our sinful flesh, ~ and to Satan.

▷▷ He shed His own blood.

↪↪ As the song says: ~ Till on that cross as Jesus died, ~ The wrath of God was satisfied; ~ For every sin on Him was laid — Here in the death of Christ I live. 7/9

The 3rd point that Paul adds in verse 7 concerning our redemption.

▶▶ We have the forgiveness of sins.

▶▶ I.e., ~ included with God ~ rescuing us from the domain of darkness ~ 77

▷▷ and transferring us to the kingdom of his beloved Son ~ is the forgiveness of our sins.

▶▶ The term ~ forgiveness ~ means ~ to release ~ or ~ to cancel.

▷▷ It thus denotes a permanent release from the punishment for sins, ~ 77

↳↳ which have been paid for by Christ's sacrifice.

▷▷ God no longer holds the sins against us.

▶▶ Paul also points this out in [Rom. 8:1](#).

▷▷ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

▷▷ The point Paul is making here ~ is that ~ condemnation is, ~ in every sense, ~ 77

↳↳ out of the question ~ for those who truly belong ~ to Christ Jesus.

▶▶ What Paul says about our forgiveness ~ is beautifully illustrated in [Ps. 103:12 \(NASB\)](#).

▷▷ As far as the east is from the west, ~ So far has He removed our transgressions from us. 8/9

And The 4th point that Paul adds in verse 7 concerning our redemption.

▶▶ Our redemption is ~ according to the riches of his ~ [i.e., ~ God's] ~ grace.

▶▶ Paul clearly points out that God's grace is the reason for our redemption and forgiveness.

▷▷ The blessings of redemption ~ result from the abundance of God's grace.

↳↳ I.e., ~ our redemption ~ is a free and undeserved gift.

▶▶ Then Paul adds that God caused His grace to abound to us.

▷▷ The Greek word for ~ abound ~ means ~ more than enough, ~ to provide in abundance, ~ to cause to overflow.

▷▷ God is infinitely rich in grace. ⇔⇔ But He is not stingy with it. ⇔⇔ Not like some cosmic Scrooge.

▷▷ God does not give His grace to us in limited measure, ~ carefully weighed out.

↳↳ He causes His grace to overflow, ~ to super-abound to us.

▷▷ And his grace ~ can never be exhausted. ~ And he is extremely generous.

↳↳ Therefore, ~ we receive and enjoy His grace in superabundance, ~ in overflowing measure.

→→ "Marvelous, ~ infinite, ~ matchless grace, ~ 77

↳↳ freely bestowed on all who believe. 9/9