

# REDEMPTION

Eph 1:7

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. The theme of the entire Bible is human redemption
- B. The purpose of all God has done through Christ was to redeem man
- C. Paul's statement in Eph 1:7 contains a summary of the primary features involved in God's plan for redemption
- D. Contained in this statement is the:

## DISCUSSION:

### I. MEANING OF REDEMPTION - "FORGIVENESS OF SINS" (?)

- A. Redeem - to take by purchase, buy, to ransom
- B. Sinner is a slave, in bondage to sin and Satan Rom 6:16-18
  - 1. A ransom is necessary if he is to be freed
  - 2. Then by right of purchase he becomes the property of the one who paid the ransom.
- C. Paul explains that "...redemption" is that which occurs when there is "the forgiveness of sins"
  - 1. Redemption and forgiveness are not synonyms
  - 2. However no person is redeemed except where forgiveness has occurred and visa - versa
  - 3. Each stress a different thought yet both have to do with salvation.

### II. THE CAUSE OF REDEMPTION - "GRACE"

- A. Sin separates man from God Isa 59:1,2; Eph 2:12
  - 1. Sentence of Death upon every soul that sins Ezek 18:20
  - 2. Wages of sin is death Rom 6:23.
- B. Man hopeless. at helpless in and of himself Jer 10:23
- C. Therefore God stepped in because of his grace (unmerited favor) and provided a way for man to escape this (spiritual) death
  - 1. Several terms explain the cause of God's action in behalf of the sinner in Eph 2:1-8
    - a. Mercy v.4
    - b. great love v.4
    - c. Grace vs. 5,8
    - d. Kindness v 7
  - 2. Out of this attitude of God toward sinners came the "gift" v.8
- D. Truly the cause of God's action was his "grace"
  - 1. God's justice demanded death Ezek 18:20
  - 2. But because of his grace He sought a way to be both just & justifier Rom 3:26
- E. However, grace is not the only factor in redemption

- 1. If so there would be universal salvation, for God loves all men Jhn 3:16; Tit 2:11,12
- 2. Yet all men are not going to be saved Matt 7:13,14, 21-27

F. Grace is simply God's part - man has a part also.

### III. THE COST OF REDEMPTION - "HIS BLOOD"

- A. A ransom had to be paid; a purchase price was involved in salvation.
  - 1. The wages of sin is death Rom 6:23
  - 2. Yet God wanted the sinner to live 2Pet 3:9
  - 3. Only God could arrange the ransom
- B. The only thing that would satisfy the demands of this situation was a perfect sacrifice - the blood of Jesus, the Son of God - not animals Heb 10:4; 9:12-14; 1Pet 1:18,19
- C This blood not applied directly or physically.
  - 1. Its benefits are received upon obedience to Christ Heb 5:8,9; Rom 6:3,4
  - 2. Some claim cleansing by the blood while refusing to obey Christ Matt 7:21-23

D. This obedience is man's part in salvation

### IV THE LOCATION OF REDEMPTION - "IN HIM"

- A. "In whom" expresses the where of redemption
  - 1. It can be found in no other place or person.
  - 2. All spiritual blessings in Christ Eph 1:3; 2Cor 5:17
- B. This raises the question of HOW one can enter "into Christ" so as to be redeemed?
  - 1. Since it is so important for a man to be redeemed, and since man cannot redeem himself, it is strange that any sinner would not be perfectly satisfied to let Christ tell him both where redemption is and how to reach that state. 1Pet 4:11
  - 2. Scriptures clear on "HOW" if we believe them Gal 3:26, 27; Rom 6:3,4
- C. All N. T. conversions show baptism into Christ as the final act in God's plan for man's redemption (salvation) Mk 16:16; Acts 22:16
- D. Then there must be faithfulness on the part of the redeemed Matt 10:22; Rev 2:10

## CONCLUSION:

- A. Have you been redeemed?
- B. In Christ you can find "forgiveness" because His "grace" provided the ransom through His "Blood"
- C. Will you enter into union with Christ by being baptized into his death, into the benefits of His blood, and thereby be redeemed? Rom 6:3,4