

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

PAUL'S PRISON EPISTLE

CHAPTER 1:7-8

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TITLE:

"OUR GREAT REDEMPTION - PART 1"

THE BELIEVERS PLACE, IS IN THE CHRIST

THEME:

Ephesians 1:3

**"Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ."**

INTRODUCTION

Dieticians tell us that *if we #1 eat too fast # 2 chew our food poorly, we will not get all of the nutrients that are present, we will overstress our digestive system and we will put on unnecessary weight - fat -* **FROM POOR EATING HABITS**

If sheep are not tended *to and sheared of the wool they become over weight by reason of the accumulation of wool - they'll lay down or fall down and will not be able to get back on their feet again* **BECAUSE THEY HAVE BECOME TOO FULL**

This Book of Ephesians

Is a book that you had not better eat fast or just put on your spiritual medal for having gone through...

1.) What We Have In Him:

v.7a

a) *What We Have In Him* - Is Redemption

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Redemption 629 apolutrosis (ap-ol-oo'-tro-sis

to ransom in full. To conceal the obligations held against another

The first act of redemption *was symbolized in the Garden of Eden by God killing an animal to cover the nakedness of Adam & Eve*

The first requested act of redemption *was the Passover lamb in Egypt, a lamb of sacrifice, a blood offering that was to shield against the curse of death that was placed upon anyone (Jew or Egyptian) not having the sacrifice applied to them personally*

The Redemption of a Slave

A man, because of his personal debt that he was unable to pay, he would be taken as a slave and sold into slavery because he owed what he couldn't pay...

Leviticus 25:48

After he is sold he may be redeemed again. One of his brothers may redeem him;

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

There three realities
produced by Christ's redemption

#1 The Repayment of Sin's Debt

1 Corinthians 6:20

For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's..

#2 The Removing of the Curse of the Law

Galatians 3:13

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree")

#3 The Release from Sin's Control

Romans 6:14

For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

b) *What We Have In Him Is Forgiveness* v.7b

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Sins 900 paraptoma (par-ap'-to-mah)

a side-slip, a lapse or deviation from the course),
unintentional error or wilful transgression. An offence, a sin, a trespass.

The Nature of Sin is Spiritual
*with physical manifestations here &
now*

All have Sinned, All are Sinners

The '96 vote

The Brass Serpent Upon the Pole

Colossians 2:11

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, **having forgiven you all trespasses having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.**

***Forgivness**

859 aphasis (af'-es-is)

to be pardon from judgemnt. To grant forgiveness, to set at liberty,

#1)

The World is in Need of Forgiveness “Positional” -
Alienation

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

#2)

The Christian is in Need of Forgiveness “Practically” -
Communally

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and
to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned,
we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Isaiah 59:1

Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it
cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have
hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.

Turn To Matthew 18:21-35

NOTICE

WHENEVER FORGIVENESS IS EXTENDED -

SOMEONE MUST PAY & SOMEONE MUST SUFFER AND THE ONE WHO SUFFERS IS THE ONE WHO PAYS

Matthew 6:14

"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. "But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Christian - Look at Forgiveness as being a Place

*This week I was in the Grass Valley-Tahoe area
It was cold & wintry, if I wanted to lay out & get a tan - I was in the wrong*

Maui would have been the place to get a tan

Jude 1:20

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

c) *What We Have In Him* The Riches of His Grace v.7c

* **Riches** **4149 ploutos (plooo'-tos)**
A fullness of wealth (literally) money, possessions, or
(figuratively) abundance, valuable

* **Grace** **5485 charis (khar'-ece)**
The divine influence upon the -- acceptable, benefit, favor, a gift, pleasure!

*Our Guaranteed Success as Christians
is anchored to the "Riches of His Grace"*

- All That He has Done
- All That He has Said
- All That He has Given

Available to you tonight is everything you need to
overcome the world and its curve balls

2.) What It Cost God:

a) *What It Cost God* - Separation

Matthew 27:45

Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama Sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

The Darkness symbolizing The Sins of the World

Habakkuk 1:13

You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on wickedness. Why do You look on those who deal treacherously, and hold Your tongue when the wicked devours a person more righteous than he?

b) *What It Cost God* - Was His Only Son

*Jesus will never again be, what He once was in
eternity*

(Not that he is less, but that He is now a man, the God-man forever)

Colossians 1:13

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

c) *What It Cost God - His All* (to do it & do it again if was needed)

- Jesus Died for Man - To Provide The Way to Heaven
- Jesus Died for God - To Vindicate His Word

God had said;

Ezekiel 18:20

"The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father."

Genesis 2:17

"But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

The Love of God for You Resulted in God
taking Action against the Sin that Separated
you from Him...

In doing so,

Jesus met all the demands of the righteous
& holy law

3.) What It Afforded Us

v.8

a) He Originated it All (*Grace*)

Turn to John 8:3

The Woman Caught in the Act

(vv. 7)

What we often forget is
- there was one present Who was without sin...

>>>>>>>> He was justified to kill her <<<<<<<<

b) He Supplied it All

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abound

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to super abound (in quantity and quality, to super excel:

to supply an overabundance, to be more than enough

Verse 8

The Result of Walking in the Spirit...
Knowing you are Redeemed
Knowing that you Forgiven
Knowing that you Rich

Knowing that you are Graced

Psalm 103:12

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.
(NKJ)

Isaiah 44:22

I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions, and like a cloud, your sins.
Return to Me, for I have redeemed you. (NKJ)

Jeremiah 31:34

"No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying,
'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of
them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no
more." (NKJ)

Micah 7:19

He will again have compassion on us.... He will cast all our sins into the depths of the
sea.

Matthew 26:28

"For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of
sins."

**Overflows on to others (Christians
& Non-Christians)**