

Blessings Involving the Son



READ IT:

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 on us. In all wisdom and insight ⁹ He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him ¹⁰ with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, *that is*, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him ¹¹ also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, ¹² to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.

EPHESIANS 1:7-12

The main point: For reasons known only to Himself, God has *chosen, predestined, and accepted* those who believe in Christ.



EXAMINE IT:

Observation—What do I see?

- Any repeated words? _____
- Who is the subject? _____
- Who is the object? _____
- What are the action verbs? _____
- What are the conjunctions? _____
- Any purpose clauses ("*so that*")? _____
- Any commands? _____



OUTLINE IT:

Structure/Bones—What are the important markers?

A. God has *redeemed* us. (v.7a)

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood,

1. *Defining* redemption—"In Him we have redemption..."
2. *Securing* redemption—"...through His blood..."

B. God has *forgiven* us. (v.7b-8)

⁷ ...the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight

1. The *meaning* of forgiveness—"...the forgiveness..."
2. The *necessity* of our forgiveness (What has been forgiven?)—"...of our trespasses..."
3. The *basis* of our forgiveness—"...according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight."

C. God has *revealed* His will to us. (vv.9-10)

⁹ He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him ¹⁰ with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, *that is*, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him

1. It pleased God to reveal His will to us—"He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him"
2. God's plan involves gathering all things around Christ—"with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth."

D. God has given us an *inheritance*. (vv.11-12)

¹¹ also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, ¹² to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.

1. This inheritance is something we are made—"In Him also we have obtained an inheritance..."
2. This inheritance is a part of God's predestination—"...having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,"

3. This inheritance finally results in praise—"to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory."



UNDERSTAND IT:

Interpretation—What does it mean?

Key words and theological and practical uses

What are the key words and why do they matter?

What is the key doctrine(s) and what other passages support it?

What are the uses of this doctrine in everyday life?



APPLY IT:

Choose which applications apply and how you will seek to practice it in your life today.

- What *instruction* does this text reinforce?
- What *error* does this text refute?
- What *duty* does this text require?
- What *prohibition* does this text forbid?
- What *examination* does this text call for?
- What *commitment* does this text declare?
- Is there an *example* to follow?
- Are there *commandments* to obey?
- Are there *errors* to avoid?
- Are there *sins* to forsake or confess?
- Are there *promises* to claim?
- Are there *principles* to implement?
- Are there *temptations* to resist?
- Are there *praises* to render?
- Are there *attitudes* to adjust?

Write it here: (bring it back with you next week to see if you applied it—I double-dog dare you!)

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