



# Redemption Through His Blood

If you are looking for the best summary of God's plan for redeeming mankind from sin, Ephesians 1.3-14 is where to look. Verses 4-6a show us what God did in the past in order to secure our redemption. Today we're looking at the present aspect of this plan. What method would God use to move us toward holiness and blamelessness? The answer is *redemption*.

## I. THE CONCEPT OF REDEMPTION

- A. Theologically: "Redemption is an act of God by which He Himself pays as a ransom the price for sin which has outraged His holiness."
- B. Redemption then is the deliverance by the payment of a price.
  - 1. Hebrews 9.22 - *without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sin.*
  - 2. Hebrews 2.14-15 - Jesus was born to die. Why? To pay the price.

## II. EPHESIANS 1.6B - OUR REDEEMER

- A. 1.6b - *He has blessed us in the beloved...*
- B. *The beloved.* This is Jesus. The beloved is God's special name for His son.
- C. Now, notice how the ESV says we've been *blessed*. This means *to endue with grace, i.e., to make gracious or acceptable; in the NT, used only of the Divine favor.*

## III. EPHESIANS 1.7A - THE REDEEMED

- A. 1.6b-7a - *With which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood.* "Us" accepted. "We" have been redeemed.
- B. Amazing when you think about your former condition. See 2.1-3; 12; 4.18-19.

## IV. EPHESIANS 1.7B - THE PRICE

- A. 1.7b - *in him we have redemption through His blood.*
  - 1. Romans 6.23 - *the wages of sin is death.* Someone had to die.
- B. We should have been there. We should have been on the cross. That is what justice demands. But God provided a substitute. 1 Peter 1.18; Revelation 5.9-10

## V. EPHESIANS 1.7C-10 - THE RESULTS

- A. 1.7c - *The forgiveness of our trespasses.*
  - 1. The word here means "to send off." "To release," "to let go," or "to let be."
  - 2. God has dismissed your sin from His thoughts forever. Psalm 103.12; Isaiah 44.22; Micah 7.18-19; 1 John 1.9-10, 2.12. You are accepted.
- B. 1.8 - *wisdom and insight.* These have been *lavished* upon us.
  - 1. "Wisdom" refers to life, death, God, man, sin, eternity, and time.
  - 2. "insight" refers knowledge about day to day living.

## VI. CONCLUSION

- A. Why has God done all these things? See 1.9-10.
- B. Have you been redeemed?