

**Forgiveness  
Under the  
Dispensation  
of Grace (pt 1)**

*Scripture Reading:*

**Ephesians 1:1-7**

# REVIEW

- ◆ Overview of God's forgiveness of sin:
  - ◆ Under the Dispensation of Law
    - ◆ Rom 4:7
  - ◆ During the ministry of Christ on Earth
    - ◆ Mk 2:5-11, Jn 8:24
  - ◆ Under the Dispensation of the Fulness of Times (the Millennium)
    - ◆ Judicial forgiveness of sin (for initial salvation) - Matt 24:14, Lk 1:33
    - ◆ Daily relationship forgiveness of debts and trespasses – Matt 6:12-15; 18:21-35

# INTRODUCTION

◆ Now we come to forgiveness under the **Dispensation of Grace** – our household rule of life



# Prelude to the Grace Believer's Forgiveness

Eph 1:1-6

- ◆ **Vs 2** - “Grace (cf Jn 1:16-17) and peace (Rom 5:1) from God our Father (cf J 5:17-18) and the Lord Jesus Christ”
- ◆ **Vs 3** – Our Father has “spoken well of us by means of all spiritual well-speakings in the heavenlies - in Christ”

# Prelude to the Grace Believer's Forgiveness (cont.)

Eph 1:1-6

- ◆ **Vs 4 – Chosen (elect) by the Father, given to the Son -Jn 6:37**
  - ◆ **Place of choosing – “in Christ”**
  - ◆ **Time of choosing – “before a beginning of the created universe”**
  - ◆ **Purpose / result of choosing – “to be holy and unblemished” (flawless) - cf Eph 5:25-27**

# Prelude to the Grace Believer's Forgiveness (cont.)

**Eph 1:1-6**

◆ **Vs 5** – “‘fenced out’ (KJV “predestined”) unto ‘son-placement’ (KJV “adoption of children”) through Jesus Christ, unto Himself” (God the Father)

◆ “According to the good pleasure of His (the Father’s) desirous will”

◆ **Cf I Cor 8:6**

# Prelude to the Grace Believer's Forgiveness (cont.)

**Eph 1:1-6**

- ◆ **Vs 6** – “Unto a praise of an opinion of His (the Father's) grace, concerning which grace He graced us in the One having been loved”

# Forgiveness in Christ

Eph 1:7, Col 1:14

◇ “In Whom we are having...”

◇ “Complete redemption”

◇ full payment, the ‘last installment’ - cf Rom 3:24

◇ **Agoradzo** (to buy) – applies to all

◇ **Lutrao** (redemption) – applies to all believers

◇ **Apolutrao** (complete redemption) – applies to all believers at the Rapture, and even now in our position in Christ)



# Forgiveness in Christ

Eph 1:7, Col 1:14

- ◇ **“The forgiveness of trespasses” (offenses)**
  - ◇ The trespass of Adam distributed to each person of the human race
  - ◇ This trespass of Adam resulted in his fallen nature (the sin nature)  
Rom 5:15
- ◇ **Therefore, we are seen with no sin-nature in our position in Christ**
- ◇ **The forgiveness of the sins – Col 1:14**

# CONCLUSION

Under the Dispensation of Grace, IN CHRIST, we have (right now) forgiveness of our trespasses and our sin nature, from which comes all acts of sin.



Certainly, our Father has blessed with all spiritual blessings, including forgiveness – in Christ!