

Complete Redemption Guaranteed in Christ

Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 2:1-7

Overview of our Position in Christ as Grace-Believers (Eph 1:1-6)

Saints – separated ones in Christ



Faithful – in Christ



Blessed – with all spiritual blessings in Christ



Chosen – in Christ

Overview of our Position in Christ as Grace-Believers (Eph 1:1-6) continued

Chosen – in Christ

- Before the creation of the material universe
- To be separated unto God and blameless
- Permanently glorified in the future

Predestined – fixed unto son-placement unto God the Father

Graced- unmeritoriously favored with all the spiritual blessings in the Beloved

Introduction

- ◆ As we proceed with the longest sentence in Scripture – Eph 1:3-14 – we now come to the positional blessing revealed in verse 7

WE HAVE COMPLETE REDEMPTION IN CHRIST

◆ Three Greek words that describe redemption in the NT:

◆ #1 **Agoradzo = to provide a price for payment**

◆ A price provided for ALL – II Pet 2:1

◆ A price provided for believers – I Cor 6:20, I Cor 7:23

Three Greek words that describe redemption in the NT: (continued)

◆ # 2 Lutron, lutrao = the application of a price for payment

◆ A potential applied payment – Matt 20:28, cf I Tim 2:4-6

◆ (antilutron)

◆ An applied payment, applied to believers – I Pet 1:18

◆ Christ's blood was the payment price

◆ This payment paid for all our lawlessness (sins) – Titus 2:14, cf I Jn 3:4

Three Greek words that describe redemption in the NT: (continued)

◆ # 3 Apolutrosis = the complete application of a price for payment

◆ Positional complete applied payment

- ◆ Our position in Christ Jesus has become our complete payment – I Cor 1:30
- ◆ We are freely declared righteous by grace through our complete payment in Christ Jesus – Rom 3:24

◆ Practical complete applied payment

- ◆ this is what we will fully experience in the future, is made certain (guaranteed) right now by means of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Eph 1:14; 4:30

TWO THINGS THIS COMPLETELY APPLIED PAYMENT PROVIDES **NOW** IN OUR POSTION IN CHRIST

◇ **Forgiveness of trespasses – the Adamic Sin Nature - in Christ**

◇ Eph 1:17, cf Rom 5:18, 20

◇ The offense = the sin nature

◇ **Forgiveness of sins**

◇ We are completely forgiven (“have sent away”)

◇ In Christ, our sin natures which have produced acts of sin, are “sent away”

CONCLUSION

- ◇ In keeping with James 5:14, Byron wanted to be reminded of all his spiritual blessings in Christ, Those things above, where Christ is seated on the right hand of God the Father – not on things below (Col 3:1-3)
- ◇ He wanted to be reminded of the completely applied payment for his sin nature and his sins that he already possessed in his position in Christ
- ◇ He wanted to be mindfully refreshed that all these blessings were already his by means of the riches of God's grace.
- ◇ Let us be reminded daily! Rom 8:23b: "...eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body"