

Appointed for His Glory

Ephesians 1:7-12

Introduction

I God Has Redeemed Us

- A. The source of our redemption
 - 1. Jesus Christ - Rom 3:23-24; Gal 3:13
- B. The basis of our redemption
 - 1. The blood of Christ - Lev 17:11; Heb 9:22
 - a. The price of our redemption - 1 Pet 1:18-19; Col 1:20
 - b. The praise for our redemption - Rev 5:9; 5:12
- C. The goal of our redemption
 - 1. Forgiveness of sins
 - 2. Reconciliation with God
- D. The motive for our redemption
 - 1. The riches of God's grace - Eph 2:4, 7
 - a. Lavished on us - Tit 3:3-7; Rom 8:32
 - b. With wisdom & understanding - Col 1:9; Phil 1:9-10

II God Has Revealed to Us The Mystery of His Will

- A. The history of the mystery
 - 1. Not revealed to mankind in other ages - Col 1:25-26
 - 2. Now revealed by the Spirit - Rom 16:25-27; Col 1:27
 - a. Motivated by His good pleasure - Eph 1:5
- B. The timing of the mystery
 - 1. When the times will have reached their fulfillment
 - a. Refers to a precise moment in time - Gal 4:4-5
 - b. Refers to the coming of Christ
- C. The goal of the mystery
 - 1. To bring all things under Christ - Col 1:16-17
 - a. In heaven - Eph 6:12
 - b. On earth - Phil 2:9-11

III God Has Appointed Us for the Praise of His Glory

- A. We are chosen by God - Deut 7:6-9; 9:5-6; 2 Tim 1:8-10
 - 1. To be His purchased possession - Eph 1:14b

- 2. To be His inheritance - Eph 1:18c
- B. We are predestined to be His heirs
 - 1. We are promised an inheritance - Gal 3:29
 - 2. We have been qualified by God - Col 1:12; Rom 8:17
 - a. According to His plan - Eph 3:10-11; Rom 8:28-29
- C. We are destined for the praise of His glory
 - 1. We should be cause for praising God - II Thess 1:12
 - a. Through our Christ-like actions - Matt 5:16
 - b. Through our Christ-like character - Phil 1:9-11

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

1. What is the life of a slave like? How were you like a slave before coming to know Christ?
2. Paul makes a remarkable statement in Eph 1:11 that God "works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will." Does he really mean everything? If so, what impact does this have on your view of life's highs and lows? What confidence can you have regardless of our circumstances? [Hint: Read Rom 8:28-29]
3. Paul makes it clear that God has withheld no good thing from us. What prevents many Christians (the benefactors of his rich grace) from completely giving themselves to God? What, if anything, holds you back?
4. On a scale of 1-10 (ten being the highest) how submitted are you to the headship of Christ in your a) relationship with Him b) family life c) work d) attitudes and actions?
5. Read Eph. 1:3-12. Make a list of all that God has done for you and the position he has given you in Christ. Take a moment now to acknowledge the riches of His grace in your life.

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