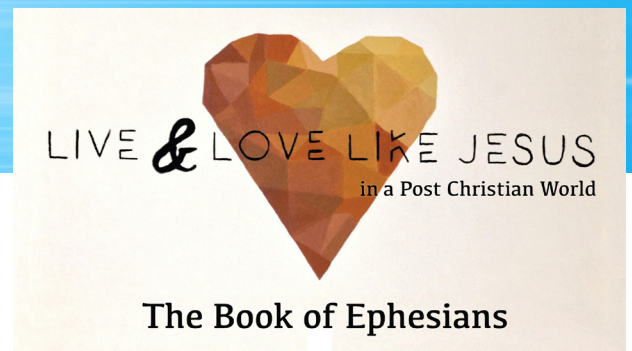


# Discussion Questions

October 9, 2022



## Ephesians - In Christ, We are Redeemed

1. Read Ephesians 7-10

Discuss, what is Redemption? (Can also see Titus 2:14, Romans 3:24)

Discuss the significance of God's redemption being in accordance with the riches of His Grace that is lavished on us.

What is the "mystery of His will" described in this passage?

Discuss what it means that God wants to bring unity to all things in heaven & on Earth under Christ.

2. On Sunday we looked at 3 different aspects of Redemption. Read the following 3 passages and explain how they show different ways Redemption is expressed in scripture.

Ephesians 1:7

1 Peter 1:18-19

Ephesians 1:13-14

3. In being Redeemed, Christ has paid the debt for our sin and set us free. Do you feel completely free from sin? Why are there areas of our lives that we can still feel are in bondage?

4. Discuss why you think Christians can struggle to accept the incredibly extravagant superabundant Grace of God? What impact can it have in the life of a Christian to fully recognize and accept this grace that is lavished upon us?

5. Discuss the following quote in light of Ephesians. "Redemption is not just for freedom from sin; redemption is for a relationship with the Redeemer."



**Ephesians 1:7-10**

*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.*

**Lavish: perisseuō**

**superabound, to have more than enough, to abound richly, to overflow**

**Romans 8:22-23**

*We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.*

**Exodus 6:6-7**

*I am the LORD. I will free you from your oppression and will rescue you from your slavery in Egypt. I will redeem you with a powerful arm and great acts of judgment. I will claim you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God who has freed you from your oppression in Egypt.*

**John 1:29**

*John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*

**Hebrews 9:15**

*That is why he [Jesus] is the one who mediates a new covenant between God and people, so that all who are called can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them. For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant.*

**Colossians 2:13-14**

*You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.*

**Mark 10:45**

*The Son of Man [Jesus] came... to give his life as a ransom for many.*

**1 Peter 1:18-19**

*You were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.*

**Ephesians 1:13-14**

*And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.*