ephesians God's Provisions for His Church

Our Blessings from the Son

Part 2

Ephesians 1:7 thru 12

INTRO:

Blessed with 4 major blessings:

- 1. Redemption (vs 7)
- 3. God's will revealed to us (vs 8-10)
- 4. Made an Inheritance (vs 11-12)

I. Redemption: exagorazo (gk) n

A. What is it?

To buy out/purchase with a view to release or set free. Involves a price that the redeemer <u>must</u> be willing and able to pay.

Kinsman-Redeemer:

Book of Ruth

Hebrew for Redeemer...go – el

Three requirements needed:

- 1. Must be a relative of the recipient
- 2. Must be willing to engage the proposition
- 3. Must have the ability to execute the agreement

Christ meets all of these

- 1. He's our Brother Heb. 2:11-12
- 2. He willingly went to the cross Jn. 10:11 &17
- 3. His blood was payment enough Heb. 9:12;

1 Jn. 1:7

Heb. 2:11-12 – "For the One who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers (*adelphos*), saying: *I will proclaim your name to my Brothers*;…" (*Ps. 22:22*)

Jn. 10:11 & 17 - "I am the Good Shephard. The Good Shephard lays down His life for the sheep....This is why the Father loves Me, because I am laying down My life so I may take it up again".

Heb. 9:12 — "He entered the most holy place once for all, **not** by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood, having obtained eternal redemption". 1 Jn. 1:7 — "But if we walk in the light as He, Himself is in the light we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, **cleanses us from all sin**".

Redemption:

- B. What are we redeemed from?
 - 1. First of all from the *Curse* of the law Gal. 5:1-3

Age old tension between Law and Grace.

Two things to remember:

- a. Man is incapable of keeping the Law James 2:10; Rom. 8:1-4
- b. Grace, not Law is the greatest teacher and controller Titus 2:11-12

With respect to the Curse of the Law: we are represented as being: i) Dead to the Law (Rom. 7:4); as having: ii) Died to the Law (Rom. 7:6); and iii) Released from the Law's condemnation (Rom. 5:1,9; 8:1ff)

We are also redeemed from:

2. The bondage of Sin (Rom. 6:6-7, 11-18, 23; Rom. 8:2; 1 Cor.15:3)

We still Sin (1 Jn 2:1-2) However, we no longer Practice sin because the Power of sin has been broken by the Blood of Christ. (1 Cor. 15:56-57)

Finally, we are redeemed from:

3. This Present Evil Age (Gal. 1:3-5,

1 Peter 2:9, James 4:4, 1 Jn. 2:15-17

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness, who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. Isa. 5:20

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes. Judges 17:6

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. Proverbs 14:12

Conclusion:

We've been redeemed...so what? It was for a purpose: "He chose us in Himself before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless in Hissight" Eph. 1:4

"He gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for Himself a people for His own possession, eager to do good works" Titus 2:14