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God's Provisions for His Church
Section I

Our Possessions In Christ

Chapters 1 thru 3

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Our Blessings from the Son

Ephesians 1:7 thru 12

RECAP:

The Elect / Chosen:

Eklegomai (gk) = to pick out from a number/ group Remember:

- 1. God made His choices prior to creation
- 2. The elect are those who can respond to God's Call
- 3. Due to our depravity God must act first

Adopted:

Huiothesia (gk) = the placing as a son.

- 1. We are placed into God's family as adult sons and daughters
- 2. The reason is so we can enjoy our inheritance now
- 3. We can ONLY get into family via New Birth

INTRO:

Blessed with 4 major blessings:

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

I. Redemption: exagorazo n

A. What is it?

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

Charles Spurgeon



The heart of the gospel is redemption, and the essence of redemption is the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ. They who preach this truth preach the gospel in whatever else they may be mistaken; but they who preach not the atonement, whatever else they declare, have missed the soul and substance of the divine message.

AZ QUOTES

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. 10:15&17
- 3. His blood was payment enough Heb. 9:13-14,

10:10

Redemption:

- B. What are we redeemed from?
 - 1. First of all from 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. 9:31
- b. Grace, not Law is the greatest teacher and controller

Titus 2:11-12

Redemption:

- B. What are we redeemed from?
 - 2. From Sin: Rom. 6:11-18; 8:2; 6:23 1 Cor. 15:3
 - 3. From Satan: 1 Cor. 15:54-57; 1 Jn. 2: 14; Col. 1:13-14; Heb. 2:14-15; 2 Thes. 3:3; Acts 26:15-18
 - 4. This present evil age: Gal. 1:3-5; 1 Peter 2:9; Acts 2:40

Redemption:

C. Why do we need it?

Forgiveness is the result of redemption

- a. The blood of Christ paid our ransom
- b. Our response in faith secures our forgiveness
- c. Redemption and Forgiveness are two sides of the same coin.