THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

"Redemption -- Hallelujah!"
Ephesians 1:7

Introduction

1. Ephesians is the book which tells the story of what a believer has "in Christ." Any sort of true understanding of this glorious infinite truth can only result in praise. He has done more for us than tongue or pen can ever tell. No wonder Paul exclaimed the words of Ephesians 1:3.

2. Being saved, a person is called unto holiness and blameless living (v. 4). He is also predestined unto the adoption of children which means being declared an adult son with all of the accompanying responsibilities (v. 5). These precious blessings are viewed unto the praise of the glory of His grace.

3. Crucial to the blessings received is the fact they are the believers by virtue of his position "in the Beloved One" (v. 5). Our Lord is called by this name twice during His earthly sojourn: the baptism (Matt. 3:17) and the transfiguration (Matt. 17:5). Why our Lord is given this title is indicated (John 10:17). As believers, we have been brought into the kingdom of the Son of His love (Col. 1:13 alternate reading).

4. Now, the next listed blessing in this chapter for believers is redemption. This doctrine touches upon the work of the Beloved One. Redemption has three blessed facets to it: a. It means to purchase or buy in the market. The Greek word so rendered is found in 1 Cor. 6:20; 2 Pet. 2:1; Rev. 5:9; 4:3, 4: b. It means to buy out of the market and is henceforth no longer for sale. It is so used in Gal. 3:13; 4:5. c. It means to liberate on the receipt of a ransom. The Greek term is used here and elsewhere (Luke 21:24, 28; Rom. 3:24; 8:23; 1 Cor. 1:30; Eph. 1:14; 4:30). It is quite obvious that redemption is deliverance out of a situation from which no man is capable to extricate himself.

5. Here are five **interrogatives** concerning the doctrine of redemption with their answers from the text:
Yes, Jesus died for me. 
Jesus died for all mankind. This is all I need for salvation. Saved by grace alone.

The grace of God in the form of Jesus Christ.

The grace that is free and abundant.

Eternal satisfaction should be evident through the doctrine of grace. The doctrine of grace must be evident in our lives.

5. Measured With?

Receiving eternal salvation should never think that any grace is held against us. No credit is owed to the grace by the way, or by any means.

Stirred up (2 Thess. 1:12). "This is a word which means..."