

Lavished With Grace

“ If we are prizers of Christ, then we prefer him in our judgments before other things...there is nothing in Christ but what is precious. His name is precious, his virtues precious, his blood precious—more precious than the world ...let him be accounted our chief treasure and delight ”

Thomas Watson, *The Godly Man's Picture*, pp. 50-54

Do you prize Christ?

Outline of Ephesians

Discover the vastness of God's love in calling you (1-3)

Greetings (1:1-2)

Paul praised God for the riches of His glory (1:3-14)

Work of the Father (3-6)

Work of the Son (4-12)

Redemption (7-8a)

Message: Praise God the Son because through His sacrifice we were lavished with redemption and forgiveness

Praise God the Son because...

- I. He has accomplished our redemption (7a).
- II. This redemption secures our forgiveness (7b).
- III. Through Him the Father richly lavished this grace on us (7c-8a).

“Redemption”



Jesus paid the penalty we owed to God for breaking His law. He paid the price owed by giving His life and shedding His blood as our Substitute. As a result of the penalty being paid, we are released from our bondage and enjoy benefits like forgiveness of sin.

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Two Key Concepts:

- Release from bondage
- Payment of the price owed

Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted

Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great,
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load,
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God



“Under the New Covenant this word describes a “permanent cancellation or release from the punishment of sin because it has been paid for by Christ’s sacrifice”

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Harold Hoehner, *Ephesians*, p. 207

Forgiveness in the New Covenant