

Sermon Notes – June 29, 2025

Redeemed by God's Grace Through Christ's Blood (*Ephesians 1:7*)

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Text: Ephesians 1:7 - "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace."

I. The Need for Redemption

- A. Redemption implies a price for freedom. (I Corinthians 6:19-20) (Matthew 20:28)
- B. People were enslaved to sin and Satan, unable to free themselves. (Ephesians 2:1-3)
- C. "Bondage" refers to spiritual death and isolation from God due to sin. We are separated, cut off from God. We are enemies of and hostile to God (Romans 8:6-7) (James 4:3-5) (Colossians 2:13)

II. The Necessities for Redemption

- A. Redemption is accomplished by His blood (Hebrews 9:22) (1 Peter 1:19)
- B. Christ's sacrificial death on the cross. Was the means by which God could justly forgive us of our sins "Propitiation" (Romans 3:23-26) (1 Peter 2:24)
- C. Old Testament sacrifices foreshadowed Christ's ultimate sacrifice. Forgiveness of sins cannot be done without the shedding of blood. (Genesis 3:21) (Leviticus 16:11-22; Leviticus 17:11)

III. The Riches of His Grace

- A. Redemption and forgiveness come "according to the riches of His grace". (Romans 3:24) (Colossians 1:27)
- B. Indicates abundant grace, not earned by human merit. It is a gift! (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- C. Forgiveness is free and full, encompassing past, present, and future sins. (1 Corinthians 1:30) (Ephesians 4:30) (Acts 2:38-39)