

WHO WE ARE IN JESUS – DON'T LET THE ENEMY CHEAT YOU OUT OF THE REALITY

**Studying more about who we are in Christ and what our spiritual blessings include
Wednesday Night – February 3, 2021**

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, ⁹ having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, ¹⁰ that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. ¹¹ In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹² that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

¹³ In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. (Ephesians 1:7-15)

The simplest person who has the Bible in their hand and whose heart is guided by the Holy Spirit is wiser than the most educated person on the planet who does not know the Lord.

Over and over the Bible tells us that one of the great benefits of being a believer is that we are you might say “privy” to the mysteries of God. We have an understanding of man that psychiatrists cannot have.

For example, we know that man is fallen. We know that the heart of man is desperately wicked. (Jeremiah 17:9).

We have redemption – being bought back.
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***Redemption* is a biblical word that means "a purchase" or "a ransom." Historically, *redemption* was used in reference to the purchase of a slave's freedom. A slave was "redeemed" when the price was paid for his freedom. God spoke of Israel's deliverance from slavery in Egypt in this way: "I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment" (Exodus 6:6). The use of *redemption* in the New Testament includes this same idea. Every person is a slave to sin; only through the price Jesus paid on the cross is a sinful person redeemed from sin and death.**

It means He frees us from being slaves to ourselves, our flesh, and sin....and the hold of death.¹

We have forgiveness – for (completely) + gabh (to give back) To give up completely the desire and power to punish. When someone has done something wrong to you and you give up that desire to get back at them or wish ill on them. That is forgiveness.²

When we receive the grace of Christ's sacrifice on the cross, God gives up any desire or power to see us punished for our sins. The debt was paid. Our wrongdoings are forgiven because a great price was paid for each of us. Jesus' death on the cross was the payment for our wrongdoing.

The richness of His grace is lavished on us. Grace means you are favored even when you don't deserve it. Think of it as God helping you, loving you, and esteeming you greatly, regarding you highly even when you've done nothing to deserve it.

Judge Keeling seeing "Whitehall" on my business card.

wisdom – state of being wise. This is closely tied to prudence. In this case it is being wise in our you use knowledge that you have. We learn truth from God's word, but the application of that truth is brought about through sound teaching and through the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Understanding (prudence) – is having the ability to think through beforehand the consequences of your actions or words. Etymology: "a knowledge or a foreseeing".
Prudence : intelligence; discretion, foresight; practical wisdom to see what is suitable or profitable;

Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not unto your own understanding. In all of your ways acknowledge Him and He will keep your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6). Godly prudence gives us the ability to not waste our time, talents, and resources.

He has made mysteries known to us. Paul is telling us here that when we are in Christ we have an insight into God's great plan of salvation for all of humanity.

We have an inheritance as adopted children and we have an inheritance.

The benefits of redemption include eternal life ([Revelation 5:9-10](#)), forgiveness of sins ([Ephesians 1:7](#)), righteousness ([Romans 5:17](#)), freedom from the law's curse ([Galatians 3:13](#)), adoption into God's family ([Galatians 4:5](#)), deliverance from sin's bondage ([Titus 2:14](#); [1 Peter 1:14-18](#)), peace with God ([Colossians 1:18-20](#)), and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit ([1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#)). To be redeemed, then, is to be forgiven, holy, justified, free, adopted, and reconciled. See also [Psalm 130:7-8](#); [Luke 2:38](#); and [Acts 20:28](#).

REMEMBER: IF YOU ARE IN CHRIST, AND YOU ARE IN THE WORD, YOU HAVE KNOWLEDGE

¹ <https://www.compellingtruth.org/Christian-redemption.html>

² <https://www.etymonline.com/word/forgive>

AND WISDOM ABOUT GOD AND THE WAYS OF GOD THAT THE MOST EDUCATED PERSON IN THE WORLD CANNOT UNDERSTAND.