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# Redeemed In Him

Ephesians 1:7-10





# Deuteronomy 7:8

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8 but because the Lord loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the Lord brought you out by a mighty hand and **redeemed** you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

**I'M SORRY**

**I CAN'T HEAR YOU OVER MY FREEDOM**





**We Have  
Experienced a 2nd Exodus**

Ephesians 1:7-10

**OPEN YOUR BIBLES...**





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# “Redemption”

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ἀπολύτρωσιν (*apolytrōsin*)

“liberation procured by the  
payment of a ransom”

It involves buying back and  
setting free by paying a ransom  
price.



Mark 10:45

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**45** For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

**13** For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, **14** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.



**15** For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Then We Must Ask: EPHESIANS

From What Have We  
Been Redeemed?

Turn to  
Romans 6:16-23



The Bible Tells Us:

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We were slaves to sin.

And the wages of sin is  
death.

So, what payment required  
for our redemption?

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“through His blood” EPHESIANS

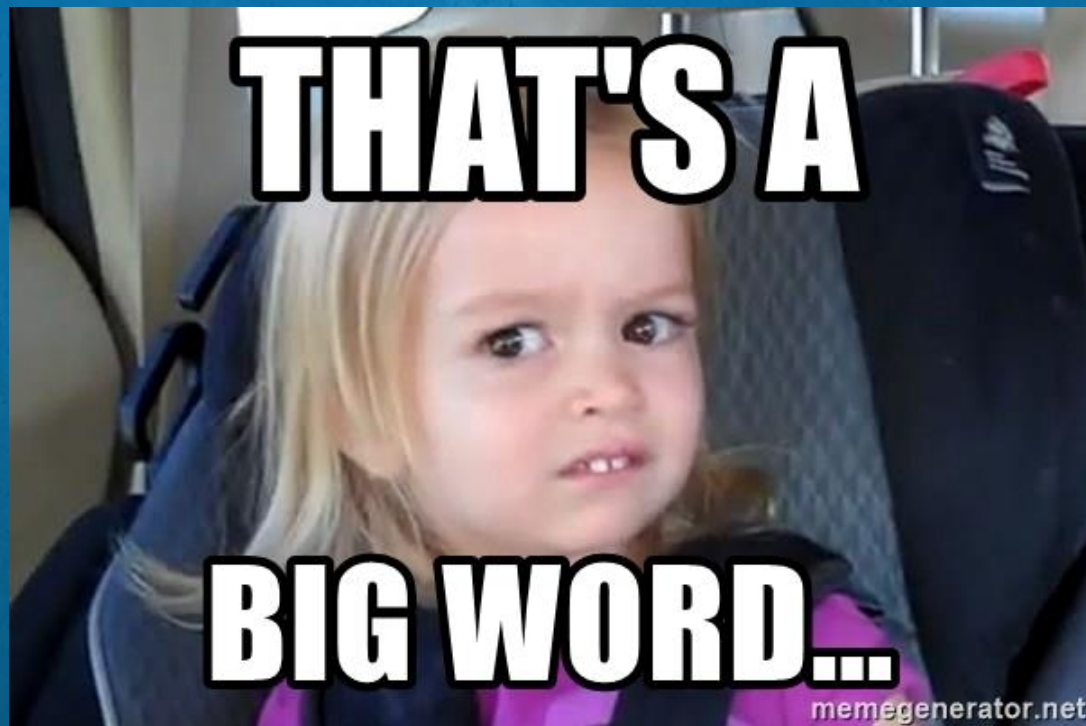
The Requirement – Hebrews 9:22

“And according to the Law,  
one may almost say, all things  
are cleansed with blood, and  
without shedding of blood  
there is no forgiveness.”

Word of the Day

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# Propitiation





# Propitiation (*hilastērion*) EPHESIANS

“the biblical doctrine embodying the concept that the death of Christ fully satisfied the demands of a righteous God in respect to judgment upon the sinner”

This doctrine has its roots in the Old Testament.



# Leviticus 16:11-15, 29-30



# Hebrews 9:11-14

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**11** But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; **12** and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

**13** For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, **14** how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

# If You Are In Him... EPHESIANS

You live in the reality that the Father has been propitiated by the perfect work of the Son, and we can therefore say with confidence, as Paul does in Romans 8:1,

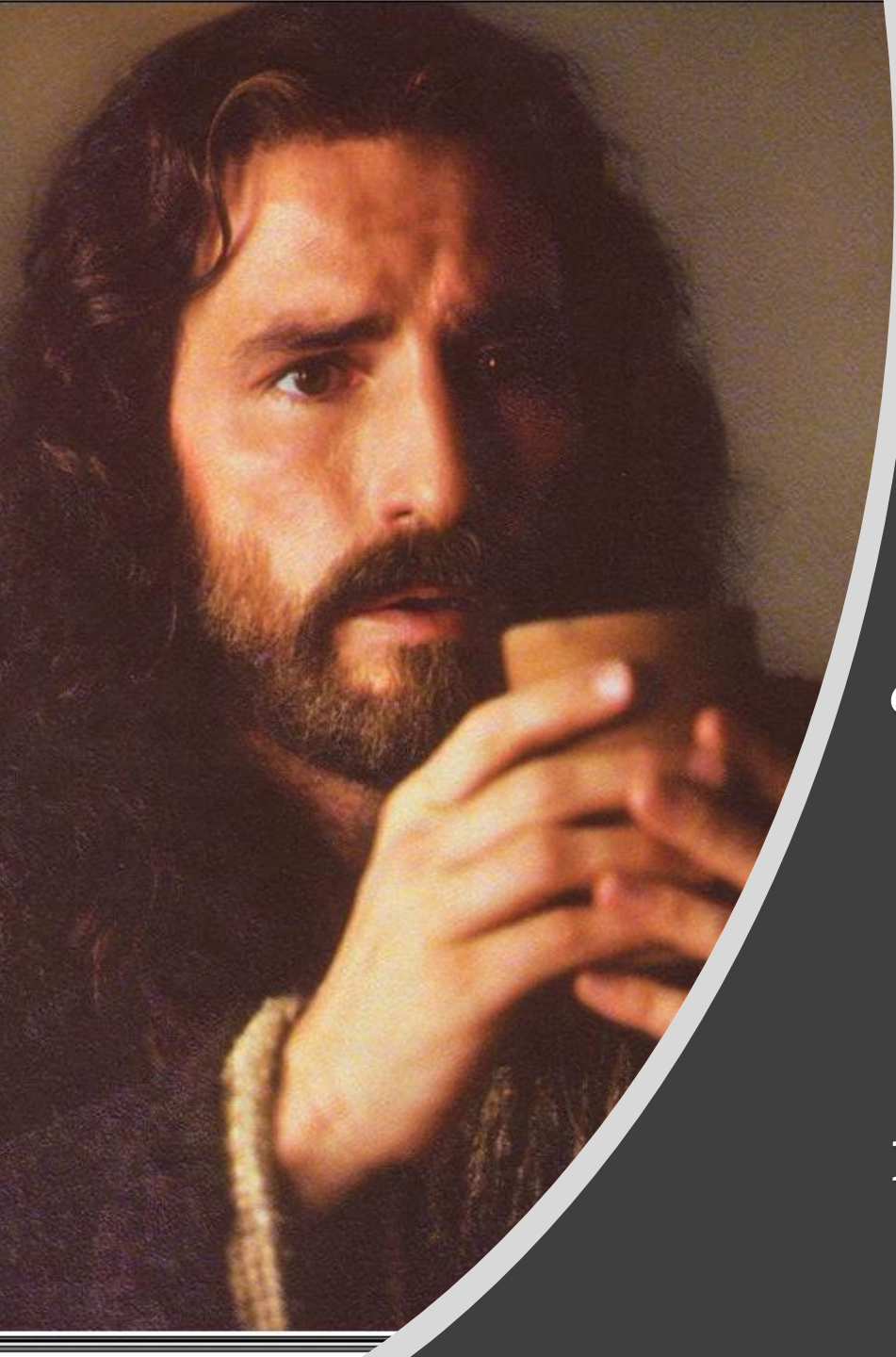
**“Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”**



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# Matthew

## 26:28

“for this is My blood  
of the covenant,  
which is poured out  
for many for  
forgiveness of sins.”



# “forgiveness of our trespasses”

- Redemption would not be complete without this pardoning of our sins.
- In the OT, on the Day of Atonement, the blood of one goat was sprinkled on the mercy seat, and the other goat, over whose head the people's sins had been confessed, was sent away, never to return.

# God's Promises in the OT

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- **Psalm 103:12** – “As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.”
- **Isaiah 44:22** – “I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud And your sins like a heavy mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.”
- **Micah 7:19** – “You will cast all their sins Into the depths of the sea.”



# Why is this Necessary? EPHESIANS

- Ephesians 2:1 – “And you were **dead** in your trespasses and sins”
- Colossians 2:13 – “When you were **dead** in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions”



## Augustus Toplady (1740-1778)

“All God’s children  
are stillborn. They  
come spiritually  
dead into the world.  
And dead they  
continue till they are  
born again of the  
Holy Ghost.”



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# Our Great God!

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Forgiveness and Grace are in complete harmony, and the standard established by God's Grace determines the measure of His Forgiveness.

Notice that the Father does not merely forgive *of* His riches.

He forgives *according to* His riches.



# John D. Rockefeller

- Became the world's 1<sup>st</sup> billionaire in 1916.
- By the time he died in 1937, his assets equaled 1.5% of America's economic output.
- To control an equivalent share today would require a net worth of about \$340 billion dollars.



## Ephesians 1:8b-9

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“In all wisdom and insight He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him”



# Christ Brought Us

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Wisdom - *sophia*  
Insight – *phronesis*

I believe the word choice here is very intentional.

The Greeks wrote a great deal about these two words; in fact, anyone who had both was perfectly equipped for life.

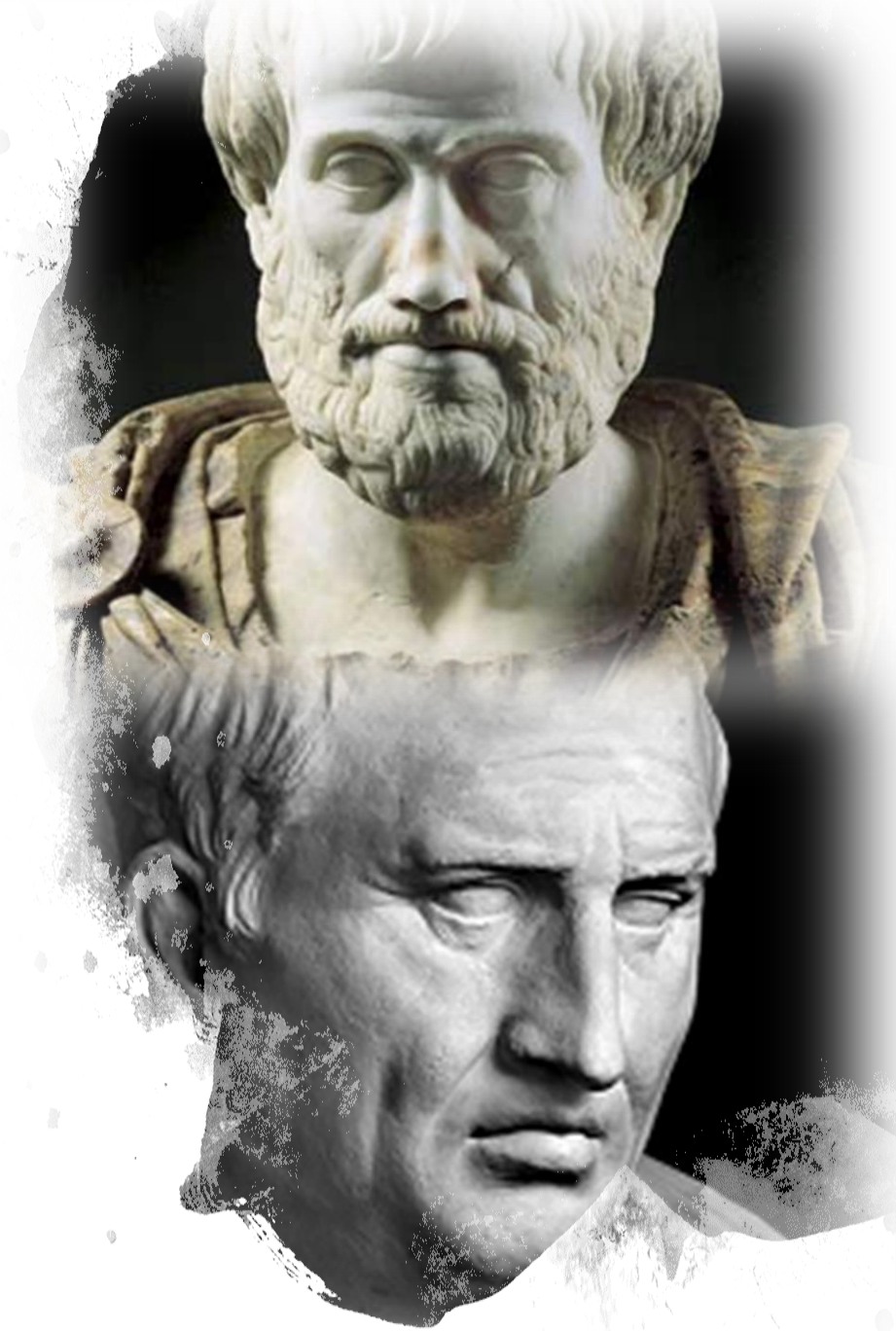
# In the Greco-Roman Mind

- *Sophia* was a thing of the searching intellect.
  - It was the answer to the eternal problems of life and death, God and the world, and time and eternity.
- *Phronēsis* is the sound sense which enables us to meet and to solve the practical problems of everyday life and living.
  - It is common sense or wisdom applied.



Aristotle defined  
*sophia* as  
“knowledge of the  
most precious  
things.”

Cicero said it was  
“knowledge of  
things both human  
and divine.”



Turn to  
1 Corinthians  
1:18-30



# *phronēsis*

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- **Aristotle:** “the knowledge of human affairs and of the things in which planning is necessary”
- **Plutarch:** “practical knowledge of the things which concern us.”
- **Cicero:** “knowledge of the things which are to be sought and the things which are to be avoided”
- **Plato:** “the disposition of mind which enables us to judge what things are to be done and what things are not to be done.”





# Paul's Claim

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Jesus brought us *sophia*, the intellectual knowledge which satisfies the mind, and it was also Jesus Who brought us *phronēsis*, the practical knowledge which enables us to handle the day-to-day problems of practical life and living.

Only Christ brings to us the solution of the problems both of eternity and the issues of the present time.

## Romans 11:33-36

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**33** Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! **34** For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor? **35** Or who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to him again? **36** For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.



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# Mystery?

What does  
Paul mean  
when he uses  
the word  
“mystery”  
(*mystērion*)?





# *Mystery in the NT*

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“a truth previously hidden but  
now made known by divine  
revelation”

What mysteries were revealed in  
Christ?

## Matthew 13:10-11

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**10** And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?” **11** Jesus answered them, “To you it has been granted to know the **mysteries** of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.



# 1 Corinthians 15:50-51    EPHESIANS

**50** Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

**51** Behold, I tell you a **mystery**; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed

**32** This **mystery** is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.





**This Mystery Began** | **In Genesis  
3:15**

# Ephesians 1:10

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**10** with a view to **an administration suitable to the fullness of the times,** that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth.



# Another Amazing Truth

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- All of history has been a working out of this process.
- All through the ages there has been an arranging and an administering of things so that this day of unity should come.
- The word which Paul uses for this preparation is *oikonomia*, which literally means household management.
- The *oikonomos* was the steward who saw to it that the family affairs ran smoothly.

# The Fact is:

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- We are living in an age in which many people have lost their faith in any purpose for this world.
- But it is our faith that in this world God's purpose is being accomplished; and Paul's conviction is that it is God's purpose that will be accomplished in "the fullness of times" and "the summing up of all things in Christ."





**4** But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, **5** so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.



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# The Mystery Realized EPHESIANS

Literally everything, things in heaven, things on earth, everything above us, everything around us, within us, below us, everything spiritual and everything material, has even now been brought under Christ's rule.



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Exodus in Action

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- He intercedes for His people (Rom. 8:34)
- He prepares a place for His people (John 14:2)
- He imparts gifts to His people (Eph. 4:8)
- He indwells His people (Eph. 3:17-19)
- And at the same time:
  - He wages war against Satan (Rev. 17:14)
  - He holds the universe together (Col. 1:17)
  - He is the head of the church (Eph. 1:22)

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