



## Message Title: **The Blessings of Redemption**

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**3** Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,<sup>4</sup> just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him in love,<sup>5</sup> by predestining us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He graciously bestowed on us in the Beloved.<sup>7</sup> In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our transgressions, according to the riches of His grace<sup>8</sup> which He caused to abound to us in all wisdom and insight,<sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Him <sup>10</sup> for an administration of the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth in Him.<sup>11</sup> In Him, we also have been made an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all

things according to the counsel of His will,<sup>12</sup> to the end that we who first have hoped in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.<sup>13</sup> In Him, you also, after listening to the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,<sup>14</sup> who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, unto the redemption of *God's own* possession, to the praise of His glory.

**Introduction**

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**1. \_\_\_\_\_ Blessings (vs. 7-8)**

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**Absolute \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Abounding \_\_\_\_\_**

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Blessing (vs. 9)**

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**His \_\_\_\_\_ to Save**

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## God's Plan \_\_\_\_\_

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## \_\_\_\_\_ Over All

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## Application Questions

1. *Is there a proper place for remorse and mourning over our sins? When does it cross the line by muddying God's grace?*
2. *Many use guilt to control and motivate people. Is this a biblical approach? Why is grace a better motivator?*
3. *If God forgives all of our sins at the moment we're saved, why do we need to confess them to obtain forgiveness (1 John 1:9)?*
4. *Why is understanding God's eternal plan foundational for a life of holiness and fruitfulness?*

**BE A DOER.** Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil 2:12-13; 1 Tim 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions: (1) How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? (2) How can I accomplish this change? (3) What is the first step toward bringing about this change?