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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
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OF THE BELIEVER

Redemption, Forgiveness, Grace
Ephesians 1:7

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ἔχω *echo*

**1 plur pres act indic
to have, to possess.**

**Our ongoing present
reality**

ἀπολύτρωσις

apolutrosis

fem sing acc

redemption,

release due to

the payment of a

price

What the Bible Teaches About *Redemption*



Review

- 1. The emphasis is on our present reality in Christ. In Him, we continue to have redemption.**

Redemption happened at the Cross where the price was paid, but is realized in us individually when we believe in Christ. This first aspect is Godward.

1 Pet. 1:18, “knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,

1 Pet. 1:19, “but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

Review

- 2. Both Hebrew and Greek words emphasize the payment of a price for the purpose of deliverance, release from bondage, or release from a debt.**

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Col. 1:14, “in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness [*aphesis*] of sins.”

ἀπολύτρωσις (*apolytrōsis*), redemption, to pay a price for something; to purchase something out of the market, to release

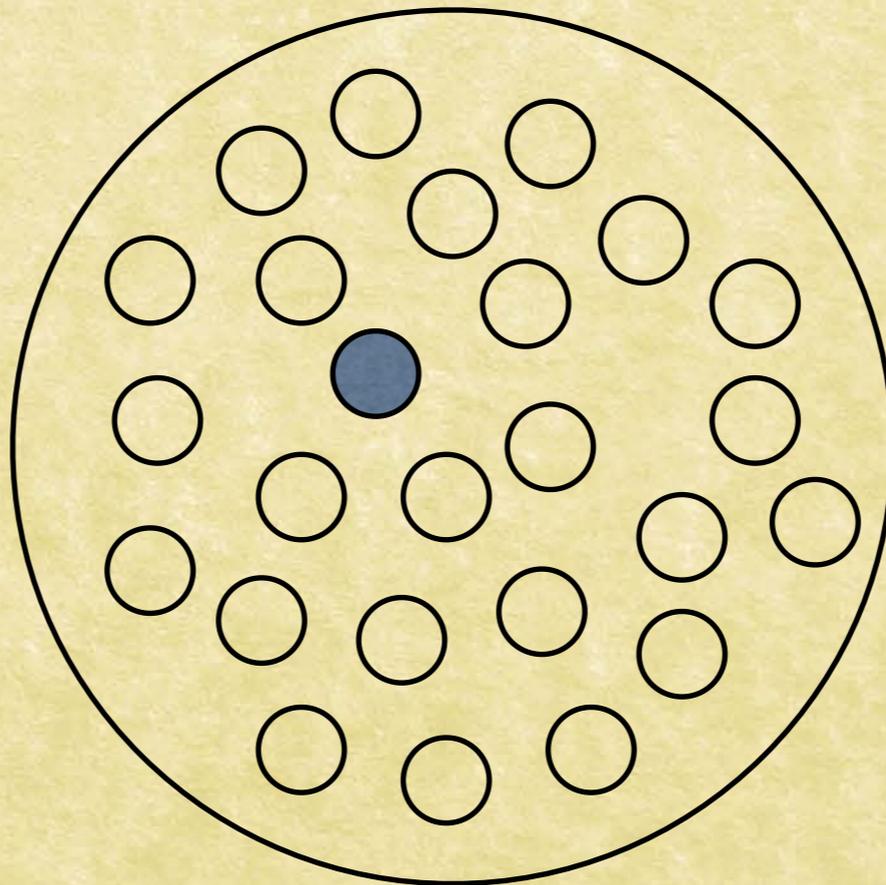
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3. The implication is a transformed life.

The appositional phrase:

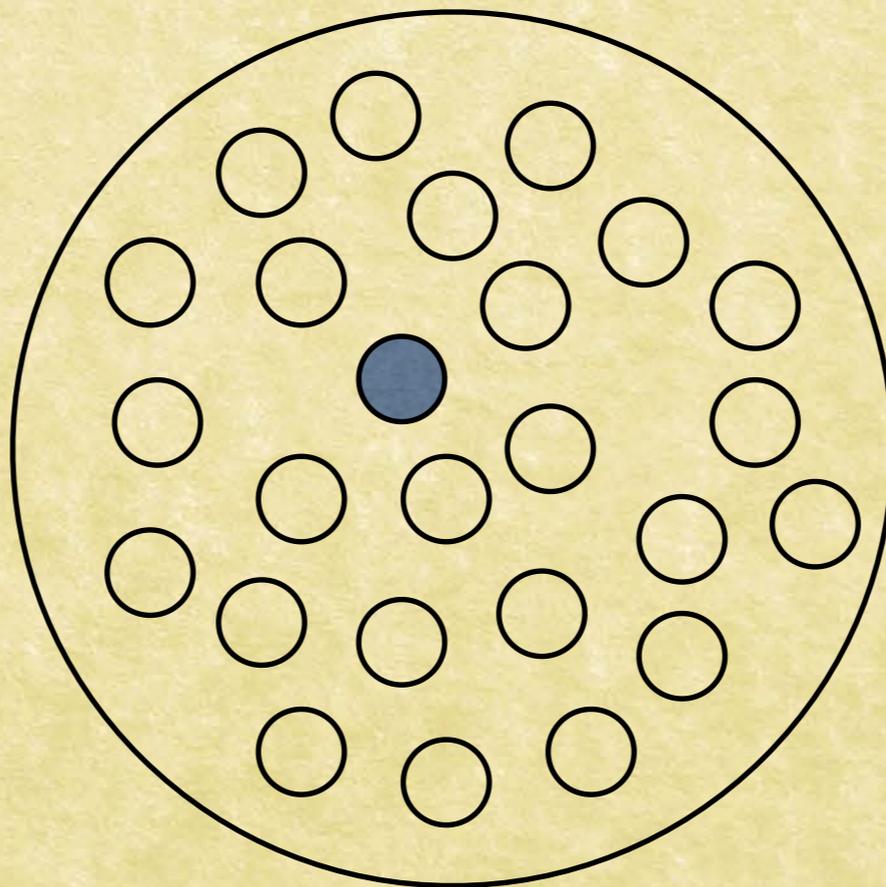
“the forgiveness of sins”

An appositional phrase explains and may slightly expand or emphasize one aspect of the first.



George Washington, the first President of the United States, set the standard for leadership and character in the office.

Martin Luther, the initiator of the Protestant Reformation, became the founder of the denomination named for him.



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Luke 7:42, “When they were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both. So which of them will love him more?”

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χαρίζομαι *charízomai*;

aor act ptcp mns

adverbial of cause

- 1. to give freely or graciously**
- 2. to cancel a sum of money or debt that is owed, Luke 7:42ff**
- 3. to forgive or pardon an action**

**Col. 2:12 In Him [no “and”] you were baptized [at faith in Christ]
[when] you were buried with Him in baptism
in [by] which you were raised together with Him**

2:13

**And you being dead [*when you were dead*]
in your trespasses and uncircumcision of the
flesh**

He made you alive together with Him [main verb Aor]

**[because] He forgave you all
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Col. 2:14, “having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.”

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- 2. Forgiveness positionally *in Christ*. Forgiveness personally realized at the moment of salvation. Eph. 1:7; Col. 2:14**
- 3. Experiential forgiveness. 1 John 1:9**
- 4. Relational forgiveness. Eph. 4:32**

1 John 1:7, “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

**1 John 1:8, “If we say that we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not
in us.”**

1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Eph. 4:32, “And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Eph. 5:1, “Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.”

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Pres mid ptcip, “be kind, be forgiving ...”

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**χάρις *charis* fem sing gen
grace, favor; gratitude; gift**