

Ephesians

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Blessings in Christ

Ephesians 1 : 7 - 10

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Redemption

Redemption {ap-ol-oo'-tro-sis} means "a releasing effected by payment of ransom for someone in bondage or captivity to another".

Death: Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come. Romans 5 : 14

Satan: 14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. Hebrews 2

Fear: 15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. Romans 8

forgiveness of sins

Sins [par-ap'-to-mah] means an unintentional error or a willful transgression. The sort of things (actions, thoughts, attitudes, inactions etc) that would keep us from being holy and without blame.

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In Ephesians 3 : 8 - 11 Paul explains the mystery clearly....

[Apostle Paul speaking] I will make plain the eternal mysteries, that is; his intent in it all is to bring about the church who are a group of redeemed and transformed trophies of God sovereign power who are living examples of the grace, goodness, and love of God.

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