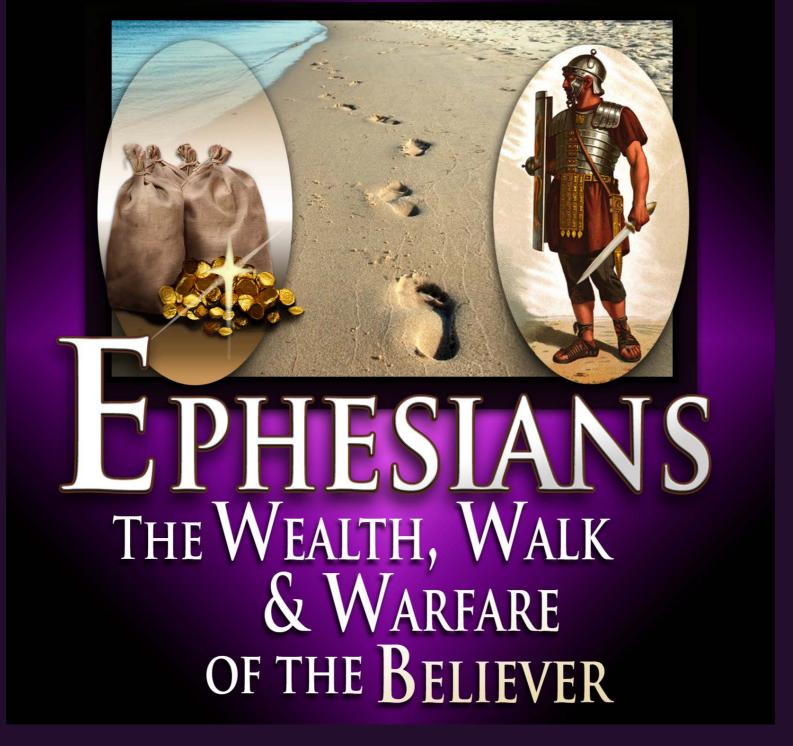
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Superabundant Wealth of His Grace Ephesians 1:7–9

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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

1. The "In Him," refers to what we have in Christ. This is our POSITION in Christ.

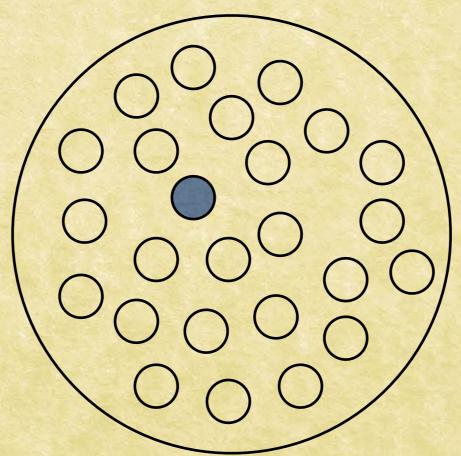
2. Redemption: Payment of price in order to release someone from captivity, the emphasis is on the release, but the price payment cancels the bondage.

3. Appositional phrase, a subcategory of the price payment is the forgiveness or cancellation of the debt.

# The appositional phrase:

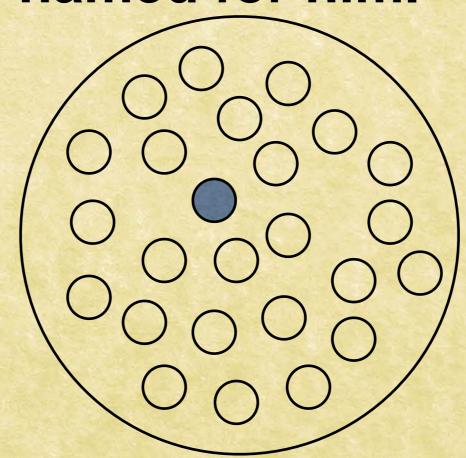
"the forgiveness of sins"

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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Col. 1:14, "in whom we have <u>redemption</u> 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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χαρίζομαι (charizomai), "gracious forgiveness of a debt, show favor or kindness, to be gracious to someone, to forgive"

Emphasizes the *attitude* underlying forgiveness.

4. We then looked at Col. 2:12–14 and the cancellation of the debt which occurred objectively and historically when Christ was crucified on the Cross in AD 33.

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

<u>2:13</u>

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5. The four types of forgiveness mentioned in the Bible.

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Col. 2:13, "And you, [when you were] dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, [BECAUSE He cancelled] all [the legal guilt of your] trespasses,

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

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2 Cor. 8:9, "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich."

Eph. 1:18, "the eyes of your understanding having been enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what is the wealth of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,"

Phil. 4:19, "And my God shall supply all your need according to His wealth in glory by Christ Jesus."

Col. 1:27, "To them God willed to make known what are the wealth of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

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σοφία *sophia* fem sing dat skill; wisdom

φρόνησις *phronesis* fem sing dat wisdom, understanding, discretion, good judgment

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γνωρίζω gnorizo

aor act part masc sing nom to make known, to reveal "by making known to us"

Psa. 103:7, "He made known [revealed] His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel."

Ezek. 20:11, "I gave them My statutes and informed [revealed to] them of My ordinances, by which, if a man observes them, he will live."

Dan. 2:23, "To You, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, For You have given me wisdom and power; Even now You have made known to me [revealed to me] what we requested of You, For You have made known to us the king's matter."

Rom. 16:25, "Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began

Rom. 16:26, "but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures <u>made known</u> to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith—"

Eph. 3:3, "how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, ..."

Eph. 3:5, "which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:"

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