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Please take a moment to quiet yourself before the Lord. Ask your heavenly Father to forgive you of any sin that is upon your heart and fill you afresh with His Holy Spirit. Now please read Ephesians 1:7-11.

**Please name two things that we have in Christ according to verse 7.**

Only through Christ do we have redemption and forgiveness. In the original Greek *redemption* means, "a releasing effected by the payment of a ransom, liberation, to liberate many from the misery and penalty of their sins." The original word for *forgiveness* used in this verse is *aphesis*, which means, "release from bondage or imprisonment." *Aphesis* is derived from *aphiemi* which has many thought provoking definitions, followed by my comments, which we will consider below. *Aphiemi* means:

**to send away:** We are freed from our sins; they have been sent far away from us.

**to expire:** Sin's license to hold us captive has expired.

**to leave or go away from one place in order to go to another:** Let us leave behind our sin and go to the house of the Lord.

**to depart from someone so that all mutual claims are abandoned:** We are free, Satan no longer has a hold on our lives.

**to leave something behind:** It is time to leave our sin behind. That sinful deed or attitude has no part in your life with Christ.

Please circle the definition above that speaks to you the most during this season of life. Now, please read verse seven again.

**How is our redemption and forgiveness accomplished?**

Through the blood of Christ and the richness of His grace.

**According to verse 9, how does God feel about our redemption and salvation?**

**What does verse 11 promise to believers in Christ?**

In Christ we have obtained a predestined-inheritance.

**What does verse 11 tell us concerning the end result of our lives?**

We may rest in the fact that our lives will work out according to the counsel of His will.

In Him, we have grace, forgiveness, redemption, purpose and an inheritance. In Him, we are complete.

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