

**Ministry of The Holy Spirit**  
**Prison Letters**  
**Ephesians 1:7-14**

Last time...the chronological context of the Epistle to the Ephesians  
and  
what “chosen” and “predestinate” mean in the entire counsel of God  
(v1-6)

This time...the riches of His grace to the praise of His glory  
v7-14

In v1-6, God the Father has

1. given us grace and peace
2. blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heaven...in Christ
3. chosen us from before the foundation of the world to be before His face as holy and without blame
4. predestinated us to be adopted into His Family...by Jesus Christ and according to the good pleasure of His will to the praise of the glory of His grace

Moving forward, the letter flows into what happened...how can v3-6 be...and a declaration of how serious God is about our redemption and our inheritance

v7     In Whom...in Jesus Christ (v3, v5)

we have redemption...salvation, deliverance, ransom, rescued from the 2<sup>nd</sup> death

through His blood...the purchase price paid to ransom/rescue us from the wages of sin

the forgiveness of sin...refers to “redemption”, the ransom from sin and death  
paid in full by Christ’s blood

Col 1:14     In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

The debt we owed God is forgiven

In our natural condition of wrong-being (sin nature), we owe God for our sin

Ezk 18:4     all souls are Mine, the soul that sins shall die

Lev 17:11     life is in the blood

By sin death came into God’s creation, taking the life God had given  
By our sin, we chose death over Life, a life that belonged to God,  
the Giver of Life

We owe God for the life we “took”

That debt can only be satisfied with an acceptable sacrifice of  
blood...sinless blood, wherein there is Life

Our blood is tainted by sin...unacceptable payment to the holy God  
We are spiritually bankrupt, unable to pay our debt

So the Father sent His Son to pay our debt...with His sinless blood/Life

Heb 9:22 without shedding of blood is no remission/forgiveness

John 19:30 "It is finished" = Paid In Full

Heb 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched  
with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points  
tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin.

1 Peter 1:18-19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with  
corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain  
conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; But  
with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without  
blemish and without spot:

FAR superior debt forgiveness than anything Uncle Joe and the  
liberal progressives ever dreamed of!

according to...due to

the riches of His grace...the abundant gift of The Father's grace/favor for sinners

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may  
obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

In Christ...and ONLY in Christ...we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins

Redemption/Ransomed by a God Who delights in mercy (Is 57:15)

Redemption/Ransom of a dead-in-sin person (Rom 3:10, 23; 1 Kings 8:46),  
sold under sin (Rom 7:14), separated from God by sin (Is 59:2)

Redemption/Ransom because the price for that soul was paid for by Jesus

Every person born is born with a wrong-being, a sin nature...even Walter and Nora!

And, every person has chosen to sin

Therefore, every person is a guilty sinner, having missed the mark of God's perfection

By nature inherited from Adam and by our own choice, we are slaves to sin

- in bondage/chains to sin and the wages of sin, death (Rom 6:23a)
- taken captive by and bound in slavery to the devil (2 Tim 2:26)

Abraham Lincoln, as a young boy, saw the horrors of slavery

[ *And There Was Light*, pages 11, 12 ]

Abraham Lincoln, as a young man, was hired out as a laborer to neighbors by his father. His father kept all of his wages.

He resented it; "I used to be a slave."

Early in life he developed a moral stance that a man, and not another, should keep the wages he earned with his sweat.

Once he fled from home, he worked many jobs, including being a ferryman on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers during the 1830s

[ *And There Was Light*, page 31, 61 ]

Lincoln's observations of slave traders, slaves, and slave markets was the reality of:

- people who were thought to be inferior humans were bought and sold like cattle
- people who had been captured and taken against their will to labor with their sweat for the benefit of another and not themselves
- families ripped apart

As guilty sinners, we were captured by a slave trader (Satan) and sold into slavery (of sin)

But God...ransomed, redeemed, purchased us at the world's slave market

As it was for the slaves in the slave market in New Orleans, so it is with us and our redemption

- we had been captured and bought and sold like livestock, NOT valued by the slaver trader as a creature created in the image of God
- we were powerless to buy our own freedom, abjectly unable to break the chains of bondage and sold into bondage at a price
- a Master pays the price to claim us as His own possession
- our Master paid with...His blood and then set us free...Emancipation!
- we were valued in the eyes, heart, and mind of our Master as being worth the very highest price; no other master, not even our former master, can "out bid" God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ

Were we emancipated because we deserved to be set free and forgiven of our debt??

No! (Rom 5:8)

Justice was served/fulfilled by our Master Himself so we could be set free

- suffering for our sins, the innocent for the guilty
- laying down his life (Lev 17:11, Heb 9:22)
- being buried...making his abode in the grave, over which we have no power (Ps 89:48)
  - rising again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day to conquer death, our enemy, and setting us free

By the riches of God's grace, we, the powerless slave, became an empowered bondservant

No man is master  
All men serve God or serve Satan  
We love God because He first loved us  
He broke the chains of our enslavement  
So there is no place we would rather be than in the home of our Master serving Him and His Family...of which we are a part!

Every person must choose: to be Satan's slave or God's freed bondservant  
Every person will be rewarded for their choice

Rev 22:12     *And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.*

(5<sup>th</sup> time this truth is spoken in Scriptures...

Job 34:11, Ps 62:12, Prov 24:29, 1 Peter 1:17)

If the powerless slave of Satan rejects the riches of God's grace  
(the blood of Jesus Christ as payment-in-full of all sins),  
he/she will be given the reward of their labor – death eternal

If the powerless slave of Satan calls on the name of the Lord to save him from  
Satan's slave market, by the riches of His grace,  
he/she will be given the reward of Jesus' Christ's labor – Life eternal

v8     With His redemption/ransom of us from the world's slave market, God the Father has given us and abundant measure of

- wisdom

- Prov 1:1-3, 7     why we study entire counsel of God, verse-by-verse
- Prov 2:1-9     if v1, then v5; for v6-8, then v9
- Prov 3:13, 19     Sir Isaac Newton

discovered many Laws of science in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century...

the Laws were revealed to him (Math being the language)

he was a believer in Jesus Christ

he believed the Bible was the Word of God

The Creator God revealed to him many of the physical Laws of science

- prudence

the moral insight/capacity to know right from wrong...

as revealed in the unchanging Word of God

Prov 8:12     I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions (evil devices, evil intents).

Ps 19:7        The law of the LORD *is* perfect,  
                      converting the soul:

James 1:21    the engrafted word that is able to save your souls  
                      (from the world's slave market, from eternal death)

The testimony of the LORD *is* sure,  
                      making wise the simple.

1 Cor 1:18-29

Ps 19:10-11    More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold:  
                      Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.  
                      Moreover by them is thy servant warned (from Is 5:20): *and* in keeping of  
                      them *there is* great reward (eternal Life).

As was in the days of Jeremiah's ministry, so is in the days of our ministry:

Jer 8:8-9        How do ye say, We *are* wise, and the law of the LORD *is* with us?  
                      Lo, certainly in vain made he *it*; the pen of the scribes *is* in vain.  
                      The wise *men* are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they  
                      have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom *is* in them?

Clearly many in our society have no wisdom or prudence...are not in their right mind  
Professing themselves to be wise, they become fools.

v9        Equipped with God's wisdom and prudence/morality, the accepted in the beloved can  
                      perceive/receive/understand the revelation of the mystery of God the Father's will  
                      for His children – Life  
in keeping with His good pleasure/delight  
which He has within the counsel of the Godhead determined to do

Rom 6:23

Life eternal for the wages of sin of all sinners...  
                      the forgiveness of the debt of bankrupt debtors...  
is the Father's

- good pleasure/delight
- purpose for redeeming/ransoming/purchasing from the world's slave market  
whosoever will believe  
(the price He paid is far and away the very highest price possible)

That is how serious God is about ransoming people in the world's slave market!

Why?

v10 The “end game” of God the Father’s good pleasure and purpose:  
In the distributing/administration/management of the fulness of times...  
at the end of all seasons in this creation...  
the Father will gather all things and give them to the Son,  
the heir of the Father,  
the heir of all things (Heb 1:1-2)

When sin has run its course and Satan’s slave market is purged by fire, the Father  
will have all things sorted out

- clean from unclean
- holy from unholy
- wheat from chaff
- the living from the dead

and give all the clean/holy to the Son as His inheritance

When? When is the “fulness of times”?

After sin, which has defiled God’s creation, has run its course and  
After Satan’s slave market is no more (Rev 20)

- the Final Rebellion
- Satan and his partners are cast into the Lake of Fire/Outer Darkness
- Great White Throne judgment for all the dead
- the dead cast into the Lake of Fire

when there is (Rev 21)

- new heaven and new earth  
universal 2 Cor 5:17b...old things are passed away; behold, all  
things are become new. (i.e. universal redemption)  
the universe is “born-again”, sin-free...both nature and action
- no more curse
- no more death, sorrow, tears, or pain
- New Jerusalem

Ps 5:4 For thou *art* not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness:  
neither shall evil dwell with thee.

all things in heaven and on earth will be gathered together in Christ

But what happens before all of that?

The King of kings is given His kingdom on this earth

Luke 19:12 A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for  
himself a kingdom, and to return (a parable of Jesus about  
the kingdom of God)

The Prince of Peace reigns on this earth for 1000 years with perfect gov’t  
Mil Reign also being a times/season, not the Father’s “end game”

The Ruler in Israel (Micah 5:2)

1. God is their King
2. Jewish kings
3. Gentile kings
4. God is their King, the King of kings

What happens before that?

The wrath of God on Satan's slave market and slave traders,  
the 70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel, Rev 6-19  
also being a times/season, not the Father's "end game"  
Revelation of Antichrist  
Mark of the Beast

On 7/27/23 in *USA Today*:

Amazon announced last week its plan to install Amazon One, the company's web service that uses palm recognition to identify payments, in all Whole Foods Market locations by the end of 2023. "This means Whole Foods Market customers who choose to use Amazon One will no longer need their wallet or even a phone to pay—they can simply hover their palm over an Amazon One device," the announcement said. Payments are made by scanning your palm and using a person's "underlying vein structure to create a unique numerical representation" that allows the payment to be processed online

On 7/25/23 in *Military News*:

The CEO of Worldcoin, a company seeking to create a new "financial network owned by everyone," wants billions of people to scan their eyes for a global ID – which he says will happen "whether you like it or not." "Worldcoin consists of a privacy-preserving digital identity (World ID) and, where laws allow, a digital currency (WLD) received simply for being human. We hope that, where the rules are less clear, such as in the U.S., steps will be taken so more people can benefit from both," CEO Alex Blania said in a joint statement. "So my high-level response is that something like World ID will eventually exist, meaning that you will need to verify [that you are human] on the internet, whether you like it or not," said Blania, according to CoinDesk. "It's probably going to happen in the next couple of years," he added.

But what happens before that?!

Rapture!

Are you ready?!

v11 In Christ we have obtained...been allotted/assigned  
an inheritance of our Father in heaven

The accepted of the beloved are joint-heirs with Christ!

Rom 8:17

Acts 26:18 *To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*

Inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God (Eph 5:5)

Eternal inheritance (Heb 9:15)

An inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you (1 Peter 1:4)

Initially, a glorified body on this earth

In full, with Christ and in Christ, all things in new heaven and earth (Rev 21 ff)

Truly, 1 Cor 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

How?

Being predestined...selected

according to...in keeping with

the purpose...counsel, Sovereign choice

of Him...the Almighty, all-knowing, all-seeing God

who worketh all things...Sovereign King of all the earth Who rules in the

kingdoms of men and gives them to whosoever He wills and Rom 8:28

after the counsel of His own will...the Father's perfect and complete will

v4-6 again,

- in case we already forgot
- repeated for emphasis

God is very serious about the ransom of slaves from the world's slave markets, but why?

v12 That we...believers, saints, the faithful in Christ Jesus, the accepted in the beloved, who first trusted in Christ (by faith leaned on the testimony of God and the righteousness of God and not by sight or experiential knowledge)

Heb 11:1

Rom 3:22 righteousness of God by the faith of Christ

should be...exist, have our being (a right/righteous being)

to the praise of His glory...the children praising the Father and the Son for His glory (of His grace, v6)



The Father in heaven seriously desires our

- relationship
- fellowship
- praise
- worship

and went to extreme measures to have it!

And to “show that He means business”...

v13-14 After we heard the Word of Truth

- The Gospel of Jesus Christ
- the Word of God
- what God has done to get our attention and agreement (Christ righteousness)

vs

us doing things trying to get His attention and approval (self-righteousness)

we trusted/leaned on Jesus to

- save us from our due reward...death, the wages of our sin
- redeem/ransom us from the world's slave market.

Rom 10:17

Then the Father

- sealed/marked/secured us who are His children
- invested in His children and in their inheritance by
  - making a Blood-paid “down payment” in us
  - depositing “earnest money” of our inheritance in us

The Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ, the Holy Spirit

As promised by the Son

John 14:16-17 *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may **abide with you for ever**; *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for **he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.***

John 16:13a *when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he **will guide you** into all truth*

A promise that is good until the day of redemption (Eph 4:30) of our eternal body, a building of God not made by hands, eternal in the heaven (Rom 8:23, 2 Cor 5:1)

1 Thes 5:24 *Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.*

A promise unto the praise of His glory!

The world is Satan's slave market

We were slaves to sin and Satan, sold under sin in the world's slave market

Now we are set free, living as witnesses of Jesus Christ the Redeemer in the world but  
not of the world

Satan captures slaves with the carnal allurements of

- money
- gold, silver, precious gems
- possessions
- power (over others)...political, financial, positions in corporate America
- sex
- rebellion against Authority (Creator God)
- the things of the world

Satan is a cruel taskmaster, seeking to steal, kill, and destroy

The dead-in-sin are enslaved to him; his allurements never satisfy, are insatiable

Their chains of the slaves cannot be broken by any worldly power

Rev 18:13b the merchants of the earth...of slaves, and souls of men.  
the destruction by God of Commercial Babylon

A. What is child trafficking and sex trafficking?

Satan's slave trading, a modern day slave market

What nation is the biggest consumer of this demonic slave trade?

USA

*Sound of Freedom*

B. What is LGBTQ+/Trans/Drag?

Satan's slave trading, the destruction of men's souls, a modern day slave market

As "Enlightened Science" did 300 years ago in Europe

(a false light, a science not to be confused with revealed science

400 years ago via Sir Isaac Newton)

that classified blacks as inherently inferior and subordinate to the other races,

so does "Enlightened Science" now classify gender as fluid, along a spectrum of  
dozens of genders

As "Enlightened Science" then turned from "Let us make man in our image",

so now does "Enlightened Science" turn from "male and female created  
He them."

From one form of human slavery to another form of human slavery

Rom 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise, they become fools

Satan's slave traders operate in the world to this day...and in the Church today

In 5/30/23 an article entitled "LGBTQIA+ Christians Push for New Interpretations of Scripture"

by twisting Scripture (man interpreting vs Scripture interpreting)

- Sodom and Gomorrah
- David's relationship with Jonathan
- the Ethiopian eunuch
- the Royal Law

"According to a survey conducted by researchers from Duke University and the University of Chicago, more churches in the United States have become welcoming to openly gay and lesbian couples

[ i.e. you are ok just they way you are, God made you that way. ].

These findings align with broader societal trends of increasing acceptance of homosexuality and same-sex marriage. The study also highlights that while churches overall, including many Protestant denominations, have become more accepting, there are still challenges."

[ the fight continues but the Church is losing the fight thru surrender and compromise ]

Expect the lukewarm church of Laodicea to embrace all things  
LGBTQ+/Trans/Drag

And last week,

Drag queen Flamy Grant tops Christian music chart

The 41-year-old [male!] made waves in the world of contemporary Christian music last week when "her" debut album, "Bible Belt Baby," landed the No. 1 spot for top album on the iTunes Christian music chart.

Even foreknowing the horrors of these sins from before the foundation of the world,  
With wisdom and prudence allowing sin to run its course,  
the Father sent the Son to break the chains and set His people free

For those who refuse to be ransomed from Satan's slave market and be set free, choosing instead  
to remain in bondage and deceived into thinking they are free:  
consider another war regarding slavery

[ *And There Was Light*, page xxvi ]

Rev 22:12     **And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.**  
coming to all the world, to the slave master and all of his slave traders

We children of God  
were slaves of Satan  
are now bondservants of God  
by the riches of His grace to the praise of His glory!

Therefore, let's be faithful bondservants

Rom 6:3-13

our relationship with God

Rom 10:9-17

testifying to the slaves of Satan

Let us stand

As then, Abraham Lincoln: "Moral cowardice is something which I think I never had."

So now, Eph 6:10-13