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Ephesians / Ephesians 1:3-14

Continuing in Ephesians 1:3

In our CSB Study Bible notes, after "union with Christ," "being seated with Him in the heavenlies," and "adoption," what further spiritual blessings in the heavenly realms do we have if we are *in Christ*?

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Ephesians 1:7 CSB

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

What does redemption mean?

What does it mean specifically in regard to our sins (or "trespasses")?

What are some other places in Scripture that speak about redemption?

What are two additional ways that 1 Timothy 2:5-6 frames the concept of redemption?

Finally, in our CSB Study Bible notes, the last of the spiritual blessings in the heavens that we receive when we are *in Christ* is:

Ephesians 1:4 CSB

⁴ For he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in love before him.

According to this verse, on what basis are we (the elect) "chosen?"

What are the results of being "chosen?"

Ephesians 1:5 CSB

⁵ He predestined us to be adopted as sons through Jesus Christ for himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Considering the word "predestined," whom did God predestine?

What is the Greek for "predestine?"

Who is the subject of the verb (God the Father is)?

What does this word mean?

Ephesians 1:11 CSB

¹¹ In him we have also received an inheritance, because we were predestined according to the plan of the one who works out everything in agreement with the purpose of his will,

According to this verse, what have we received *in Christ* that is a part of an earlier spiritual blessing in the heavens that we've discussed in our consideration of verse 3?