

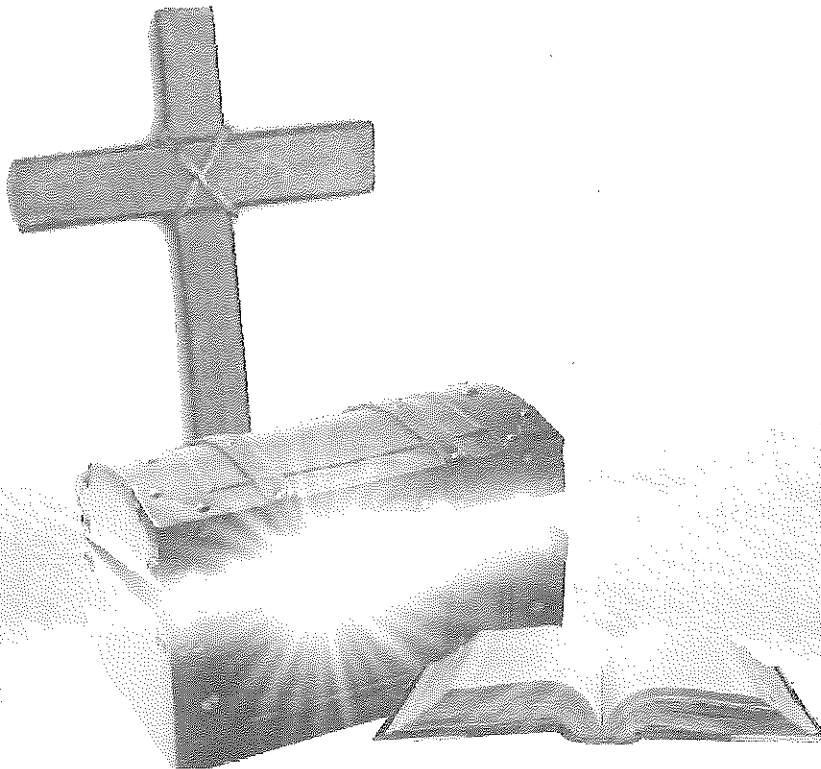
TRUE TREASURES

LESSON 1

The *Treasure* of Redemption

“In Him we have redemption through His blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches
of His grace, which He lavished upon us,
in all wisdom and insight...”

Ephesians 1:7-8
(ESV)



OPENING THE TREASURE

- A. God's plan was before the foundation of the world. 1:4-6
1. What was **it**?
 2. What was the **purpose**?
 - a. For us to be **holy** and **blameless**
 - b. For us to be **adopted**
 - c. For us to **praise** Him
- B. What are God's present blessings? 1:7-8
1. He gives **redemption**.
 2. He gives **forgiveness**.
 3. He gives **grace**.
 4. He gives spiritual **discernment**.
- C. What are God's future blessings? 1:9-10
1. **When** will the blessings be?
 2. **What** will the blessings be?

SUMMARIZING THE TRUE TREASURES WE POSSESS

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT FOR LESSON 2

"Here on earth we have experienced the first dollar of a million celestial dollars - the guarantee."

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Read Ephesians 1:11-14.

Day 1

1. What is the central truth of this passage?

2. What are some key words in this passage?
What is their significance?

Day 2

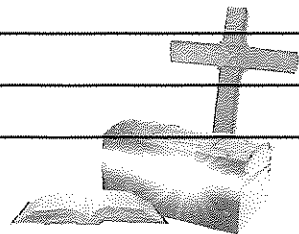
3. What is the "plan" and "purpose" of God mentioned in verse 11? What significance does that have in your life personally?

4. Define what the Apostle Paul meant by "in Christ" in verse 12. See also I Corinthians 15:22; Philippians 1:21; and Galatians 3:28.

5. What are the implications of that in your life?

Day 3

6. What is the "seal" that verse 13b refers to? What is His role in the life of the believer? See also Ephesians 4:30 and Romans 8:16-17. How does that affect you personally?



7. What is the significance of the word "guarantee" in verse 14? See also I Corinthians 2:9-10.

8. Describe one or some of your most treasured experiences with God - perhaps in worship, in a victory over an issue in your life, or in being used by Him. What does that tell you about the future?

Day 4

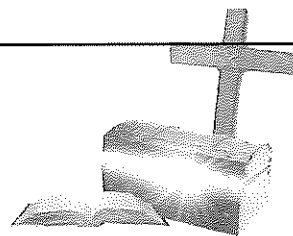
9. What does it mean that we are "God's possession" in verse 14? See Malachi 3:17; Exodus 19:5; Deuteronomy 14:2, 26:18; Isaiah 43:21; I Peter 2:9; and Acts 20:28.

10. What impact does that truth have on your life? Explain.

Day 5

11. What is God teaching you through the study of this passage? How will it change you?

12. Summarize in practical terms the "treasure" that you possess, through Jesus, according to this study.



OPTIONAL:

For further study read Hosea chapters 1-3 and 14.
How does this story illustrate God’s steadfast love for His
people, His possessions? What does it teach you about
your response to Him? How does that speak to you?

OPTIONAL CHALLENGE: Memorize Ephesians 1:13.