

Diamonds in the Rough
Ephesians 1:7-12

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- I. We are Redeemed. Ephesians 1:7a, “In him we have redemption.”**
- A. The meaning of redemption.
 - B. So what was the price of redemption?
 - 1. **Hebrews 9:12**
- II. We are Forgiven. Ephesians 1:7b, “the forgiveness of sins.”**
- A. God forgives our sins.
 - B. The Bible says much about the nature of God’s forgiveness.
 - 1. **“as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.” Psalm 103:12**
 - 2. **“I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.” Isaiah 44:22**
 - 3. **“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.” Jeremiah 31:34**
 - 4. **“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9**
 - C. God has lavished His forgiveness on us.
- III. We have Understanding. Ephesians 1:8, “he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.”**
- A. With all of our knowledge, this world has little understanding.
 - B. God has given us wisdom and insight.
 - 1. **1 Corinthians 2:14**
- IV. We have the Mystery. Ephesians 1:9-10, “And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ.”**
- A. God has revealed to us His ultimate mystery.
- V. We are Heirs. Ephesians 1:11-12, “In Him we were also chosen.”**
- A. We already have an inheritance (v. 11).
 - B. Our inheritance is God’s glory (v. 12).