

His Nature, My Need—Part 2 **January 12/13, 2013**
Ephesians 1:7-11

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

We matter to God:

- Chosen in Him 1:4 ...He chose us in Him...
- Redeemed in Him 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood...
- Sealed in Him 1:13 ...you were sealed in Him...
- Inheritance in Him 1:11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance...

1:7 Christ's own death, by the shedding of His blood, was the substitute for our death.

1:7 Because we continue to sin, we need the continued forgiveness of cleansing; we do not need the continued forgiveness of redemption.

1:7 God's grace, like all His attributes, is boundless.

1:8 God's forgiveness is infinite, and He lavishes it without measure upon those who trust in His Son.

1:9 God not only forgives us—takes away the sin that corrupts us—but also gives us the capacity to understand Him.

1:10 God redeems us in order that He might gather everything to Himself.

1:10 History belongs to its Creator, not to the forces of Satan. God will see it through to the fulfillment of His own ultimate purpose.

1:10 The purpose of God in the history of mankind is to bring glory to Himself by bringing all of creation under the headship (the authority and rule) of Christ.

Agorazō—buying or purchasing. Refers to buying and trading in the marketplace. In the NT, they are used to denote spiritual purchase.

Lutroō—to release from captivity. Refers to paying a ransom in order to release a person from bondage, especially that of slavery.

Aphiēmi—to forgive; to carry away

Sophia—(wisdom) understanding of ultimate things—such as life and death, God and man, righteousness and sin, heaven and hell, eternity and time

Phronēsis—(insight) practical understanding, comprehension of needs, problems, principles of everyday living

And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved.

Acts 4:12