

## BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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### THE LORD'S DAY

January 17, 2016 8:30 & 10:15 AM

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann

Piano Wendy Baldwin

Announcements Ron Mock

### MEDITATION

Ephesians 1:7-12 "Believers Redeemed in the Son"

Doxology

Scripture Reading and Prayer

Psalm 33

Hymn 427

"People of God"

Pastoral Prayer

Hymns 505, 506 vs.1&3

Message ISRAEL'S FUTURE KING FLEES KING SAUL TO THE PHILISTINES

I Samuel 21 & 22

Pastor Cal VanderMey

Hymn 571

"Trust and Obey"

Benediction

### THE MINISTRY OF MISSION

For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.

### THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Youth Group Monday 6:30-8pm. Ages 8 and up

Prayer Meeting and Bible study Tuesday at 6:30pm - Ernie Beck

Precept class on Tuesday with Wendy Baldwin at 6:30pm

Men's Bible study Wednesday at 9:30am - Jim O'Rourke

Precept study Thursday at 9:15am. - The book of "Joel" - Margaret Was

Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading

\*The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary\*

Thanks for joining us at the BFC this morning!

\*\*Sunday messages are available online, CD or e-mail. See Bill Schultz\*\*

\*\*\*Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm Pasta Dinner and Hymn Sing - sign up!!!\*\*\*

Ephesians 1:7-12

*<sup>7</sup> In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace <sup>8</sup> which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, <sup>9</sup> having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, <sup>10</sup> that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.<sup>11</sup> In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,<sup>12</sup> that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.*

As we were predestinated unto adoption through the election of God Almighty, as explained in last week's bulletin, we are in these verses redeemed through the blood of Christ.

There were millions in bondage in the Roman Empire who were bought and sold like merchandise. Biblical words with the Latin preface "re" are so blessed because they speak of God's solution to our sin—Redemption, Regeneration, Recompense, Refresh, Refuge, Relent, Rejoice, Remembrance, Remove, Reconciliation, Resurrection, Revival—come immediately to mind. Note how they all describe the various aspects of our Redemption when Christ bought us back from our sin.

Pleasant for us—not pleasant for the Father or for the Son. Let's not only see Redemption as wonderful for us, but also painful for the Holy God that not only created us, but provided our redemption through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Redemption brings limitless grace to us and the forgiveness of sin. In verse 9, he mentions the mystery of His will. It is not free will as so many proclaim today, it is God's will that is important. Our free will is found in Romans 3:12—we have the free will to do wrong. God's will brings us salvation.

Verse 10 says that God will gather into one all things in Christ. This dispensation or "fullness" most likely refers to the millennium, for it is then that all will be gathered together in Christ.