

## Why God Saves Us Ephesians 1:7-12

- I. **Our salvation: We are redeemed because God is lavishly gracious through Christ** (Ephesians 1:7-8a).
  - A. Through Christ's death we have the blessing of redemption (1:7a).
  - B. Through Christ's death we have the blessing of forgiveness (1:7b)
  - C. We are forgiven because God chose to lavish the riches of His grace on us (1:7c-8a).
- II. **Christ's Rule: We know God's plan to rule forever through Christ** (Ephesians 1:8b-10).
  - A. In His wisdom God revealed His plan for all of history to us in the church (1:8b-10a).
  - B. God's plan is to some day rule all things through Christ (1:10b).
- III. **God's Glory: The real reason we are saved is so that God will be glorified for His grace through Christ** (Ephesians 1:11-12; 1:6a).
  - A. We were chosen to be "in Christ" according to God's eternal plan (1:11).
  - B. God chose to save us through faith in Christ so that we would live fully for His glory (1:12).

Main Point: God saved us through Christ not simply for our benefit, but ultimately so that He will forever be glorified.