

Praise God for Redeeming Us

Grace moves God to redeem us through Christ's blood. 7

- ◆ Yes, the Father planned our adoption into His family, but Jesus paid the costly price for redemption—through His blood.
Q: Does sacrificial blood in the Bible bother you?
- ◆ Redemption (Col. 1:13,14) = freed by payment / *forgiven of sins*
- ◆ Atonement (make amends) through blood (Lv. 17:11, Heb. 9:22) is needed because of God's wrath, Jn. 3:36, Rom. 5:8,9.
Q: Jesus' payment was actually received by whom?
- ◆ More praise for Christ's shedding blood for us, Rev. 1:5, 5:8,9
- ◆ "Grace" for 4th time (1a, 6a,b). This act required great grace!

Kindness moves God to reveal to us God purpose in Christ. 8-10

- ◆ 8b can describe God's mysterious plan (3:3-10, I Cor. 2:7) or as providing us w/wisdom / understanding, Col. 1:9. Both are true.
- ◆ Note later who first received this "mystery" (3:3ff.).
- ◆ *Will of God* for 3rd time (1b,5b). It's clear who's in charge!
- ◆ *Administration* (God's planned arrangement / order) of the *fullness of times* (Messianic kingdom, since the only plural elsewhere of *Kairos* = Lk. 21:24).
Q: How do these verses fit with communion? I Cor. 11:25,26

