The Riches of God's Grace (Ephesians 1:7-10)

Introduction

- What are we going to learn about in this morning's passage?
- Why does Paul praise God in v3?
- What examples of blessing do we see in v4-6?
- What are v7-10 going to tell us about?

i Gift (v7a)

- What was it like to be a Roman slave?
- What does Jesus say we are slaves of by nature in John 8:34?
- What does sin do to us?
- What is redemption?
- What other gift does God give us?
- How should we feel about being forgiven?
- How do we know that God's gifts are invaluable?
- What should God's gifts to us make us do?
- What do you need to do if you have not been redeemed and forgiven?

ii Grace (v7b-8)

• How does Paul describe God's grace here?

- What is the significance of the fact that God gives us gifts "in accordance with" the riches of his grace in v8?
- What should God's grace make us do?

iii Goal (v9-10)

- What does God give us, according to the end of v8?
- What does Paul mean by "mystery" in v9?
- What does it mean that God's will is "according to his good pleasure"?
- Who co-operated with the Father in the making of his plan?
- When will the plan be unfolded for all to see?
- Why should the fact that God has a unified purpose encourage us?
- What does God plan to do to all things at the end?
- What does that mean?
- Does v10 mean that everyone will be saved in the end?
- What examples of chaos are there in our lives today?
- What will happen to such things?
- What will be the focal point of our unity in the age to come?
- What should God's goal for the universe make us do?