

An impressionistic painting of a landscape. In the foreground, a large, gnarled tree with dense green foliage stands on the right. To its left is a stone structure with a large, circular opening and a rectangular doorway. A small potted plant with orange flowers sits near the doorway. In the background, a bright sun or moon is visible in a blue and yellow sky. The overall style is expressive and textured.

Easter Sunday 2026

God's Power, Our Provision

Ephesians 1:7-22

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He Is Risen!



Got Questions

*The Bible has answers.
We'll help you find them!*





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Ephesians 1:7–8a (NASB 2020)

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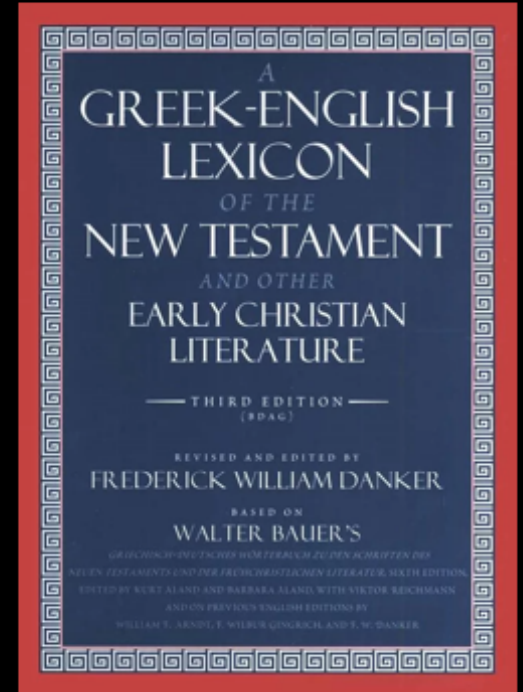
orig. 'buying back' a slave or captive, i.e.

'making free' by payment of a ransom

(λύτρον, q.v.; prisoners of war could ordinarily face slavery).

① release from a painful interrogation, *release*,

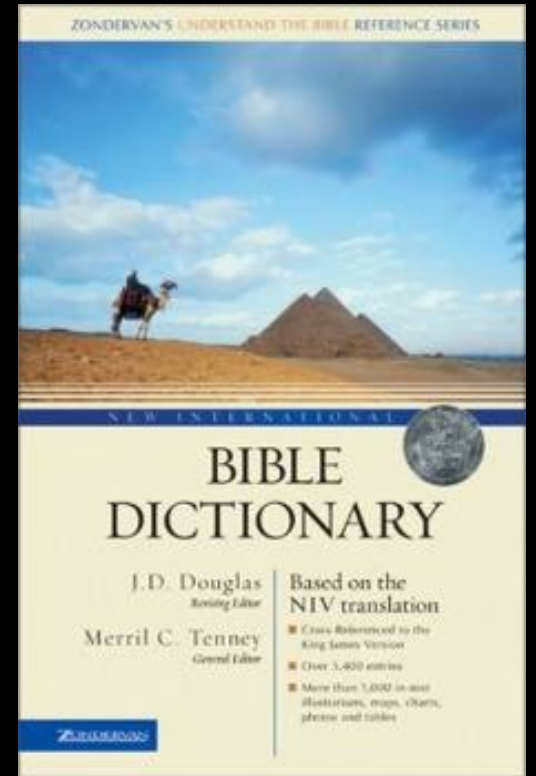
② release from a captive condition, *release, redemption, deliverance*



⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as **a ransom** for many.”

Mark 10:45 (NASB 2020)

RANSOM (răn'sŭm, Heb. kōpher, pidhyôn, gā'al, Gr. lytron, antilytron). The price paid for the redemption of a slave (Lev 19:20); a reparation paid for injury or damages (Exod 22:10–12); a fee, fine, or heavy assessment laid on a person as a substitute for his own life (21:30). There was no ransom provided for the willful murderer (Num 35:31).



Exodus 21:28-30

28“Now if an ox gores a man or a woman to death, the ox shall certainly be stoned and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall go unpunished.

²⁹If, however, an ox was previously in the habit of goring and its owner has been warned, yet he does not confine it and it kills a man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned and its owner also shall be put to death.

³⁰If a ransom is demanded of him,
then he shall give **for the redemption
of his life** whatever is demanded of
him.

Exodus 21:28–30 (NASB 2020)

¹⁷But thanks be to God that **though you were slaves of sin**, you became obedient from the heart to *that* form of teaching to which you were entrusted,

Romans 6:17 (NASB 2020)

²³for **all have sinned** and fall short of
the glory of God,

Romans 3:23 (NASB 2020)

¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole Law,
yet **stumbles in one *point*, has
become guilty of all.**

James 2:10 (NASB 2020)



Arsenic

²³For **the wages of sin is death**, but the gracious gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23 (NASB 2020)

¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written: “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE”—
Galatians 3:13 (NASB 2020)



⁸For by grace you have been saved **through faith**; and this *is* not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8–9 (NASB 2020)

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that **everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.** ¹⁷For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him.

John 3:16–17 (NASB 2020)

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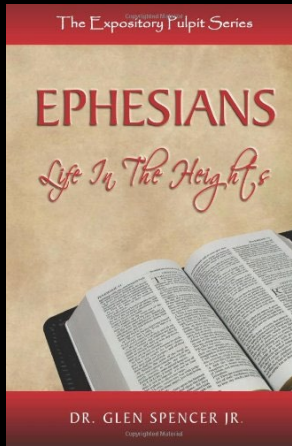
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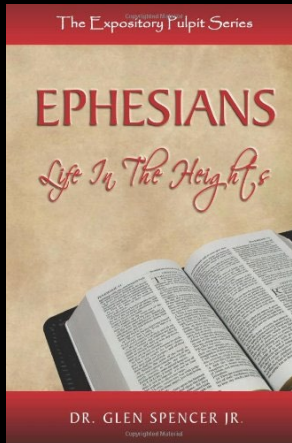
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What an immeasurable thought! Lehman Strauss said, “No adequate explanation of divine forgiveness can be made apart from those beautiful and precious words.”

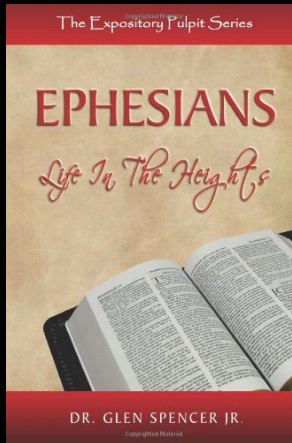
Redemption and forgiveness of sins are according to the riches of his grace. Notice it is not from His riches but according to the riches of His grace.



Bill Gates is one of the richest men in the world with a net worth of over fifty billion dollars. If Bill Gates were to contribute to a worthy cause, and he gave a check for \$200.00, he would only be giving from his riches. But if, instead, he gave a check for \$200,000.00, he would be giving according to his riches. Charles Hodge spoke of this abundance as “an overflowing abundance of unmerited love, inexhaustible in God and freely accessible through Christ.”



God never gives from, but according to His riches. God's grace is as boundless as He is. Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound. (Romans 5:20) The wonderful grace of God works its miracles in the same life that sin worked its malice. The word abound carries the idea of "super abounding" and means to "surpass by far, exceed immeasurably, or overflow beyond." **God is infinitely rich and the extent of His forgiveness is determined by the riches of his grace.**



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8^b In all wisdom and insight 9He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He set forth in Him,¹⁰ regarding *His plan of the fullness of the times, to bring all things together in Christ*, things in the heavens and things on the earth.

Ephesians 1:8–10 (NASB 2020)

Acts 2:22-24

22“Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a Man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—

²³this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death.

²⁴But God raised Him *from the dead*, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

Acts 2:22–24 (NASB 2020)

⁹He made known to us the mystery of His will, **according to His good pleasure** which He set forth in Him,
Ephesians 1:9 (NASB 2020)

⁷I tell you that in the same way, there will be *more joy in heaven* over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.

Luke 15:7 (NASB 2020)

¹⁷“The LORD your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior. He will rejoice over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.

Zephaniah 3:17 (NASB 2020)

³This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and mankind, *the* man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony *given* at the proper time.

1 Timothy 2:3–6 (NASB 2020)

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with *me* in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, **which was granted to us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,** ¹⁰**but has now been revealed** by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,
2 Timothy 1:8–10 (NASB 2020)

¹¹In Him we also have obtained an inheritance, **having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things in accord with the plan of His will,** ¹²to the end that we who were the first to hope in the Christ would be **to the praise of His glory.**

Ephesians 1:11–12 (NASB 2020)

³And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, ⁴and **He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”**

Revelation 21:3–4 (NASB 2020)

³**There will no longer be any curse**; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; ⁴they will see His face, and His name *will be* on their foreheads. ⁵And there will no longer be *any* night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illuminate them; and they will reign forever and ever.

Revelation 22:3–5 (NASB 2020)

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Revelation 22:3–5 (NASB 2020)



<https://coachhays.com/2011/02/16/whose-name-is-written-on-your-foot/>

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Revelation 22:3–5 (NASB 2020)

28 God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; **and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.**”

Genesis 1:28 (NASB 2020)

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Ephesians 1:13–14 (NASB 2020)

σφραγίζω (*sphragizō*)

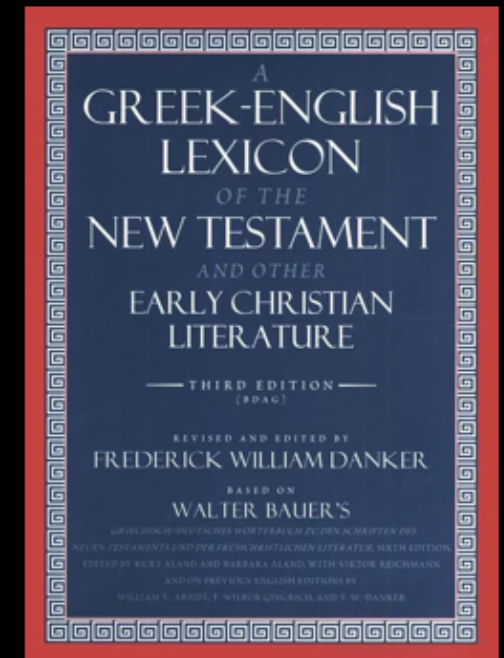
① to provide with a seal as a security measure, *seal*

② to close someth. up tight, *seal up*

③ to mark with a seal as a means of identification, *mark, seal*

④ to certify that someth. is so, *attest, certify, acknowledge,*

⑤ to seal someth. for delivery, *seal*



⁶⁶And they went and made the tomb secure with the guard, **sealing** the stone.

Matthew 27:66 (NASB 2020)

³³The one who has accepted His testimony has **certified** that God is true.

John 3:33 (NASB 2020)

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¹²Then the king's scribes were summoned on the thirteenth day of the first month, and it was written just as Haman commanded to the king's satraps, to the governors who were over each province and to the officials of each people, each province according to its script, each people according to its language, being written in the name of King Ahasuerus and **sealed with the king's signet ring.**

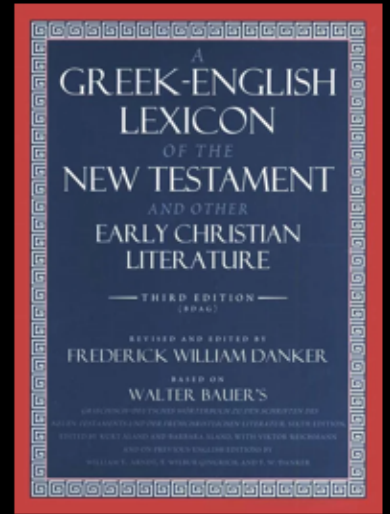
Esther 3:12 (NASB 2020)

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ἀρραβών (*arrabōn*)

payment of part of a purchase price in advance, *first installment, deposit, down payment, pledge*



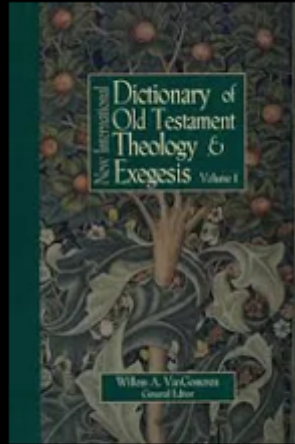
¹⁷He said, therefore, “I will send you a young goat from the flock.” She then said, “Will you give a pledge until you send *it*?”

¹⁸He said, “What **pledge** shall I give you?” And she said, “Your seal and your cord, and your staff that is in your hand.” So he gave *them* to her and had relations with her, and she conceived by him.

Genesis 38:17–18 (NASB 2020)

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Insofar as the firstfruits anticipate the full and final harvest, here too the Holy Spirit is depicted both as the initial enjoyment of our salvation and as the pledge of its consummation, namely, the physical resurrection.



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¹⁵For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which *exists* among you and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶do not cease giving thanks for you, **while making mention of you in my prayers;**

Ephesians 1:15–16 (NASB 2020)

¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you **a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.**

Ephesians 1:17 (NASB 2020)

¹⁸*I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know* what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ^{19a}and what is the boundless greatness of His power toward us who believe.

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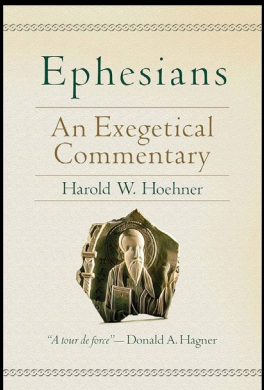
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¹Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of those chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness, ²**in the hope of eternal life, which God**, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago, ³but at the proper time revealed His word in the proclamation with which I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior;
Titus 1:1–3 (NASB 2020)

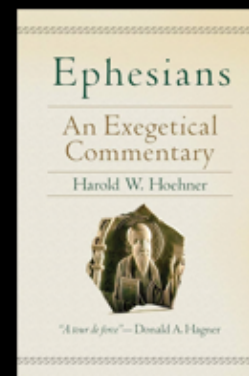
¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people, ¹²instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously, and in a godly manner in the present age, ¹³looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, ¹⁴who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, eager for good deeds.

Titus 2:11–14 (NASB 2020)

The NT's concept of hope is built on the OT and has the elements of expectation, a trust in God, and the patient waiting for God's outworking of his plan. The ultimate hope for Christians is to be with their Lord and they eagerly wait for his coming, unlike the heathen who have no hope.



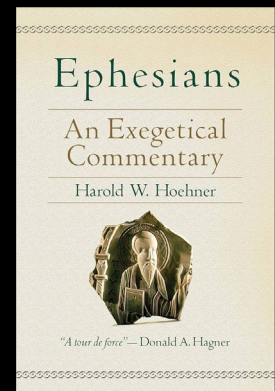
In the present context κλη̃σις refers to the believers' call of God to salvation, since they were chosen by the Father to be his and have been adopted into God's family. The pronoun αὐτοῦ, "his," is a possessive genitive and hence it is God's call to them to partake in his salvation and become part of his family. **Because believers are called by God into his family, they have hope. Their hope is an absolute certainty.**



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To summarize, Paul prayed that we would come to know God more intimately in order that we might know the wealth of his glorious inheritance in the saints. It shows that the believers are valuable to God because he purchased them in order to inherit them. This inheritance will be fully realized in the future. Therefore, whereas the hope that was produced by his calling looked back to the past, his inheritance in the saints will be fully realized in Christ's coming to get his saints.



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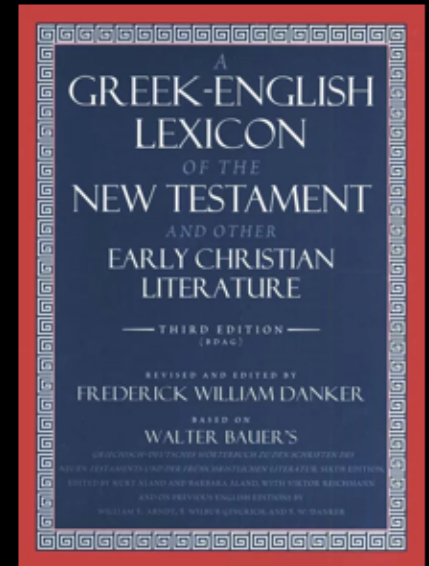
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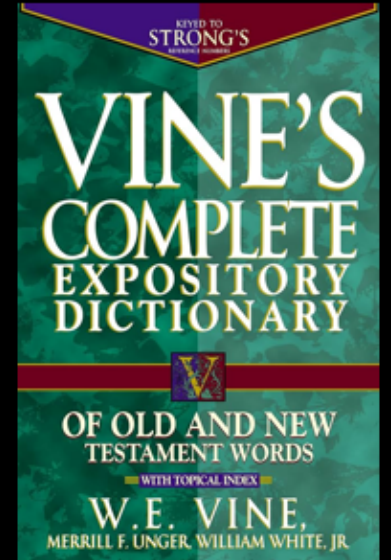
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to attain a degree that
extraordinarily exceeds a point
on a scale of extent, *go
beyond, surpass, outdo*



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“to throw over or beyond”
(*hyper*, “over,” *ballo*, “to
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²²And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and made Him head over all things to the church, ²³which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:20–23 (NASB 2020)

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The same power that raised Jesus from the grave and seated Him above every name is working *in you* — so ask God to open your eyes to your identity as His family member, to hope in the future He promised, and to recognize His power in your life now.

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