

## *Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions*

### **Study Aid for the Sermon from June 19, 2011 “Blood-Bought Saints” Ephesians 1:7-8**

#### **Observing the text**

Read Ephesians 1:3-14 carefully and write down the main point of the passage. How should verses 7-8 be viewed in light of verse 3?

Who do all of the personal pronouns refer to in verses 7-8? In other words, through whom do we have redemption? And how is this possible?

What is “redemption” according to the Scriptures (see Ephesians 4:30; Colossians 1:13-14; Hebrews 9:11-27; Psalm 103:4; Isaiah 43:1)?

How does forgiveness relate to redemption?

#### **Applying the sermon**

Spend some time meditating on Galatians 6:14 and 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. When in the day do you think about the cross of Christ most? What usually brings this about (ie. thanksgiving, prayer, confession, etc)?

Knowing that you will never be more forgiven or accepted by God that you are right now, and believing you are truly saved, how should your life look?

In your pursuit of holiness, what is the difference between being motivated by guilt and being motivated by grace?

In your pursuit of holiness, what role does the gospel play, on a daily basis, in the pursuit of holiness?

Read Psalm 103, and spend some time praising God for all He has done for you in Christ. “And forget not all His benefits.”