



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS for Week 1 - Jesus

Read Ephesians 1:7-10

1. **Discuss what Paul means at the start of verse 7 when he says 'in Him' – in other words, what does it mean to be 'in Christ'?**
2. **How would you explain in your own words what 'redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sin' means.**
3. Every blessing God has ever intended for us, promised to us, or has given us, is only to be found in Jesus Christ. **Look up the following verses and discuss how this is the consistent message of the New Testament: 1 Corinthians 1:30; 1 Corinthians 3:21; and 2 Corinthians 1:20.**
4. All God's purposes are 'set forth in Christ' (9). **Compared this with how Jesus describes His work in John 17:1-5 (especially verse 4).**
5. Ephesians 1:10 tells us that God's plan is to unite all things in heaven and on earth in His Son Jesus Christ. **Discuss how this helps us understand what's wrong with the world, both in the spiritual realm and in the physical realm.**
6. **Discuss how God's plan helps us understand why God created the world in the first place; why He let Adam and Eve sin; why He sent Jesus to die, and whether you think it will all be worth it in the end.**
7. So, all God's grace is in Jesus. All God's purposes are in Jesus and all of God's plan is to unite all things in Jesus. **In the light of this, discuss what you think the church should be about?**
8. **Discuss practical ways in which we can ensure our Church is always, always, all about Jesus. What are some of the dangers or distractions we ought to be aware of, and avoid, if we are to keep Jesus central to everything we do?**
9. **In the light of all of this, what do you think the most important factor is in deciding whether we should buy the Churchlands building?**