

**Skegness Community Church - Weekly Bible Study 2025**  
**52 passages of Scripture that every believer should know**

**Week 28 - GOD'S ANSWER TO CULTURAL CHAOS**

**Ephesians 1:7**

***"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace."***

Our western culture has seen a systematic and degenerative decline in traditional values over the past many decades. Much research suggests that at least two generations have been lost to the church, and has identified several common characteristics of these "lost generation", of which 5 rise to the surface. The number one quest of these lost individuals is a search for a *meaningful relationship*. Many have never known one. Second, they desire *immediate gratification*. "Give it to me now" is their cry. Next they want *something for nothing*, so many people claiming benefits, and not wanting to work for anything. Fourth, these lost generation want *Guilt free living*. They don't want to accept the responsibilities of their actions. Finally, they are on a *search for prosperity*, but they have little hope of obtaining it. Who has the answers that meet the needs and desires of these younger generations? Ironically only the church holds the answers and can meet all five needs of these lost generation. And all five are found in one single verse of scripture Ephesians 1:7

**THE LORD OFFERS SOMETHING PERSONAL *"In Him"***

These young adults are on a quest for a *meaningful relationship* in life. Note the first two words of Ephesians 1:7: *"in Him"*. What Christ offers is not about religion or ritual. It is about a relationship, a vibrant, personal relationship with Him. The bottom line is, we will never be properly related to others until we are properly related to ourselves. And we will never be properly related to ourselves until we discover how valuable we are to Christ and enter into a personal relationship with Him. He is the only one who has the answer to a meaningful relationship in life.

**THE LORD OFFERS SOMETHING PRESENT *"we have redemption"***

What Christ has to offer is for right now. While the lost generation may think all Christ has to offer is for some future life in heaven, the reality is that He makes a difference right now. *Immediate gratification* is only found in knowing Christ.

**THE LORD OFFERS SOMETHING THAT'S PROVIDED *"through His blood"***

What Christ has to offer is free. He provides it without cost or condition. He is the very thing for which these young adults are searching. It is not by His power or His love or His teaching, but by His blood that He has purchased a way for us to be in relationship with the Father. That privilege is neither earned nor deserved and cannot be bought. It is provided freely to us through the sacrifice of Jesus' blood.

**THE LORD OFFERS SOMETHING PROFITABLE *"the forgiveness of sins"***

These young people lost to the church are searching for guilt-free living. We who know Jesus are the only ones who hold the answer to their hearts' desires. Only through Christ can we find forgiveness for sins through our confession. God removes our sins from us forever.

**THE LORD OFFERS SOMETHING PURPOSEFUL *"in accordance with the riches of God's grace"***

Here we find the real answer to the quest for prosperity. Christ does not say *out of* His riches, but *"in accordance with (His) riches*. God offers us His grace *according to* His rich supply. God is rich in His grace and mercy towards us. What we are saying this week is that the *something* people think they need is really *Someone*. And His sweet name is the Lord Jesus. He holds the answer to every need of every heart. Those answers are in Him and in Him alone.

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As you memorise this verse, meditate on each of these five phrases and ask God to meet the needs of your heart at the very points of your personal needs. After all, "in Him .. we have redemption .. through His blood .. the forgiveness of sins ... according to the riches of His grace"