

DIGDEEPER

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Ephesians 1:7-10 ([Listen](#))
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THE BIG IDEA

Jesus accomplished what we most needed and yet could not do on our own by purchasing us from the wrath of God with his very own life. This purchase was planned by God before time began and will result at the praise of Jesus' name when this earth is no more. All of our life and all of human history points to Jesus.

START A CONVERSATION (Use this to begin a Conversation that Matters with your kids, co-workers, spouse, or someone in line at the grocery store. Then, [tell us about it.](#))

What is your greatest need right now?

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- BJ talked about the way people try to fill their lives with things that will give it meaning. What is your life filled with? It may help to consider your schedule over the last few weeks, your bank account, your future plans, and your relationships.
- Read back through Ephesians 1:7-10 then make a list of all the things Paul says Jesus has accomplished and will accomplish.
- Paul uses the word “lavished” when he talks about the way God applies grace to us. It’s like a bank account that cannot be exhausted or the waves of the ocean that just don’t stop coming. What are some times over the last year you have been hit with a wave of God’s grace through Jesus?
- Why did Jesus come to die? Reread through the passage again for help.

GO DEEPER

- The passage talks much about the redemption we have through the blood of Christ. Take a day to read the short book of [Ruth](#) and consider how Jesus is the perfect Boaz. Here’s [an article](#) to help you see the parallels. All of the Bible really does point to Jesus.
- Sometimes we can be fooled into thinking that what Christ has done for us is all in the past. We’ve already been forgiven, and it’s finished. While that’s true, there is so much more he has secured for us. Here’s [a reminder of all he has done](#) from Ligonier.org.
- Like we said in The Big Idea above, all of this life is because of Jesus. Without him, we are nothing. Take a moment to watch the video for [“Without Jesus” by Shane & Shane](#). Then, listed to [why they wrote it](#).
- Here’s the [article](#) BJ mentioned about reactions and response to the VMAs.

LIVE IN LOVE THIS WEEK

BJ mentioned that the best thing he can do for his children is point them to the grace available in Christ. Who is one person your life who needs the grace of Christ to overwhelm them this week? Ask God to do that for them. Maybe it will happen through you.