

The redemption and forgiveness we have in Christ was revealed to us – Paul says in verses 8-10 “*He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan. And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.*”

What Paul is saying is this : we have been given the ability to understand the mysterious plan for redemption in Christ. And He is saying that this plan is for the present but that it also shows us the future reality: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.

This simply means that everything that has been accomplished in the heavenly realms will be fully realized. We’ve talked about this – how we are covered by Christ’s blood and His righteousness and so we are seen as holy although we are not. We’ve talked about how, in this present life, we need to work out practically what we have been given positionally. But there is a day coming when all that struggle will cease.

When Christ comes again and puts everything right there will be no more struggle with sin. There will be no more shame, no more guilt, no more need for confession and repentance. When we enter eternity or when Christ comes again – we will really and truly be Holy and blameless. There is a day coming when good triumphs and evil is done away with and all our distance from God will be closed and we will see our saviour face to face. This is the ultimate plan – but it's not here yet.