**Colossians 1:14 “Through his blood”**

**Jamieson-Fausset-Brown:** omitted in the oldest manuscripts; probably inserted from Eph. 1:7.

**Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges:** Omit the words “through His blood,” on clear documentary evidence. They stand unchallenged in the parallel verse, Ephesians 1:7.

**Adam Clarke:** Through his blood, is omitted by ABCDEFG, and by most others of weight and importance; by the Syriac, Arabic of Erpen, Coptic, Ethiopic, Sahidic, some copies of the Vulgate and by the Itala; and by most of the Greek fathers. It is likely that the reading here is not genuine; yet that we have redemption any other way than through the sacrifice of Christ, the Scriptures declare not. The same phrase is used Eph 1:7, where there is no various reading in any of the MSS., versions, or fathers.

Even if this phrase wasn’t in any known manuscript, it would still be correct as redemption is not defined as forgiveness.

**The Atom** – by him all things consist

The nucleus of every atom is held together by what physicists call **"weak" and "strong" forces**.

[Physicists today are familiar with four basic forces in the natural world: gravity and electrical forces, plus a "strong" and a "weak" nuclear force. The first two forces decrease in strength inversely with the square of the distance between two objects; the latter two forces act only at very short ranges.]

The nucleus of the atom contains positively charged and neutral particles. Mutual electrostatic repulsion between the like-positive protons would drive the nucleus apart if it were not for the "strong force" which binds the nucleus together.

There is thus an active force imposed on the universe, which actively holds the very atoms of the material world together moment by moment, day by day, century by century.