

Message: ***"Who Do You Think You Are?"***

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14
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"Who am I?" Often, we define ourselves through our jobs, financial status, successes, grades, appearance, what other people say about us. But what if we base our identity on the way God sees us? How would this change the way you live? In Eph 1:3-14, Paul explains the new identity given to a person when they are in Christ.

In Christ we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing! We have been chosen, loved into adoption, forgiven, informed of God's eternal plan, and eternally secured. When we are in Christ, that's who we are.

How does our true identity in Christ impact the way we live? No longer do we chase after the world but instead seek to bring God glory in all areas of our life. No longer do we fear the future. * No need do we to judge or compare ourselves to others as we seek to please Christ alone. We are not surprised when suffering comes, for we can be confident that it will produce things of eternal value.

GROWING DEEPER (Reflection & Application)

1. God was thinking about you from the start. Salvation begins with God, and not with man. *"You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you."* The lost sinner, in his own ways, does not seek God; God in His love seeks the sinner. What difference does this make in your relationship with God?
2. To be redeemed means, "to purchase and set free by paying a price." To be forgiven means God dismissed our sins. They have been set aside and are no longer taken into account. This is what God did for us. How should we handle our guilt and struggles with sin in light of this truth?
3. To be sealed with the Holy Spirit implies ownership. God has put His seal on us because He has purchased us to be His own. It also means security. The believer belongs to God is safe and protected. Do you live with this confidence?
4. Knowing what being "in Christ" brings, what changes would help you live more effectively for the praise of God's glory?