

EPHESIANS

FINDING AND LIVING OUT OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST



Part 1: Sealed Up

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Scriptures: Ephesians 1

Bottom Line:

The key to the Christian life is to understand what it means to be _____.

“In Christ” we are:

- _____ with everything we need spiritually
- _____ for a purpose
- _____ into God’s family
- _____ with grace
- _____ by His blood
- _____ of our sins
- _____ to God’s plan
- _____ with a seal

Three things Paul wants us to know:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Talk It Over

1. What’s one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
2. What are some things in which people find their identity? Have you ever looked for your identity in any of those things?
3. As a follower of Jesus, what does it mean to find your identity “in Christ”? What are some of the dangers of finding your identity in someone or something else?
4. Read Ephesians 1:3-14. Which of the blessings associated with being “in Christ” is the most meaningful to you in your current season of life? Why?
5. In Ephesians 1:17, the first thing Paul prayed for was that the Ephesians (and us) would know God better. Why do you think Paul thought that was so important for us? If you are honest, would you say that you know God, or simply know *about* Him?
6. On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you describe the level of hope in our culture? Why did you rate it that way? Why should followers of Jesus be the most hope filled people? How can we share that hope with others?
7. Read Ephesians 1:18-19. Do you think most Christians experience God’s “incomparably great power” in their daily lives? Do you? Why or why not?