

## MAIN POINT

*Believers should find their identity in Christ and His finished work on the cross.*

## INTRODUCTION

How do you typically answer the question, “Who are you?” What type of things do you include to define your identity?

We give many different answers to the question, “Who are you?” When introducing themselves, people may give their job title, role in their family, their hometown, or something else. These are all good descriptors to tell about a person; yet for those in Christ, their ultimate identity is found in Him. Today we will look at the beginning of Paul’s letter to the church in Ephesus and his reminder of their true identity.

## DISCUSSION

### > READ EPHESIANS 1:1-14.

Based on these verses, what would you say to help a new believer understand the phrase, “in Christ”? How does being “in Christ” define our identity and determine our actions?

What is God’s eternal plan for you, according to these verses?

What do you see as the relationship between being adopted into God’s family and becoming holy and blameless?

How aware are you of your redemption on a day-to-day basis? How does your redemption shape the way you deal with your sin and your struggles?

According to these verses, what is our inheritance through Christ? What aspect of this inheritance is most exciting for you, and why?

What did Paul say was the Holy Spirit’s function in salvation? How does the Spirit enable you to live a holy and blameless life?

How does the Spirit’s work in your life bring glory to God? On the other hand, what do you communicate to God when you disregard the Spirit’s guidance?

## APPLICATION

How does knowing you are adopted by God change your view of yourself and of God? How does this give a new answer to your identity?