

## **The Truest Thing about You Identity November 6, 2022**

Ephesians 1:3-14 (NIV) Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup>For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup>He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will— <sup>6</sup>to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves. <sup>7</sup>In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup>that He lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup>He made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup>to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. <sup>11</sup>In Him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will, <sup>12</sup>in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of His glory. <sup>13</sup>And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of His glory.

### **In Christ, I am...**

- **Chosen**
- **Holy and blameless**
- **Adopted**
- **Redeemed and forgiven**
- **Loved**

### **In Culture, my identity comes from...**

- **What I do**
- **What I have**
- **What I did**
- **What I desire**

**The truest thing about you is what God has said about you.**