

YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST (PART I)

EPHESIANS 1:1-6

Please personalize answers to the questions in the lesson by answering “I”, not “you”!

BACKGROUND: As God looked down through eternity, He had you in mind to receive His great plan of salvation.

YOU ARE BLESSED. Since Christ lives in you, available to you is an intimate relationship with Him. Because of His life in you, you can enjoy, in part, the blessings that you will experience in full with Him in heaven, even while you are still in your earthly body. (**Ephesians 1:1-3, fn 1:3, Ephesians 1:18, fn 1:18, Colossians 1:9-14, fn 1:12-14, I Corinthians 2:9-16, fn 2:15, 16, I Peter 1:3-9, fn 1:8, 9**) *What are your spiritual blessings, and how are they different from your physical blessings?*

YOU ARE CHOSEN. God chose you in Christ even before He created the world. Your salvation is complete because of His grace, not because of anything you have done. (**Ephesians 1:4, 11, fn 1:4, fn 1:11, John 6:43-47, Ephesians 2:4-9, fn 2:8, 9, I Thessalonians 1:4-7, fn 1:4, II Thessalonians 2:13-17, fn 2:13**) *Why did God choose you?*

YOU ARE ADOPTED. “Our adoption is complete, and we are eternally God’s sons and daughters. We were predestined for this before the foundation of the world. ‘In love...in accordance with His pleasure and will.’ This ought to be the melody of our hearts continually.” Kent Hughes, *Ephesians*, p. 27. (**Ephesians 1:5, 6, fn 1:5, John 1:12, 13, fn 1:12, 13, Romans 8:14-17, fn 8:14-17[1st], Galatians 4:4-7, fn 4:5-7**) *How does knowing that you are an adopted child of God give you security in your salvation?*

Check up—How is your relationship with your neighbor, your spouse, and your Lord? Do your actions show that you are being led by the Holy Spirit?

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