

YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST (PART II)

EPHESIANS 1:7-14

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

BACKGROUND: Previously, you saw that you are blessed, chosen, and adopted. Knowing your identity in Christ helps you to live the Christ life.

YOU ARE REDEEMED. “Sin is man’s captor and slave owner, and it demands a price for his release. Death is the price that had to be paid for man’s redemption from sin. Biblical redemption therefore refers to the act of God by which He Himself paid as a ransom the price of sin.” John MacArthur, *Acts*, p. 18. (**Ephesians 1:7, fn 1:7, Romans 3:24, fn 3:24[2nd], Hebrews 9:12-14, fn 9:12-14, I Peter 1:18-19, fn 1:18, 19, Titus 2:14, fn 2:14**) *Using an analogy of a pawnshop, how would you explain to your family the redemption of a handmade possession that had belonged to you?*

YOU ARE FORGIVEN. In Adam, you were sinner by inheritance. In Christ, your sins are forgiven, and who you were in Adam is now replaced by who you are in Christ. God now sees you in Christ, not as a sinner, but as a saint (holy one). Not only does the Lord remove the guilt of your sin. He gives you the power (His Holy Spirit in you) to keep you from sin. (**Ephesians 1:7-8, fn 1:7, 8, Romans 5:14-19, fn 5:15-19, II Corinthians 5:17, fn 5:17, Hebrews 10:17-22, fn 10:17, fn 10:21, 22, Colossians 1:13, 14, fn 1:13, Romans 6:6, fn 6:6**) *How does knowing that you are forgiven encourage you in your relationship with Christ?*

YOU ARE SEALED. The possession of the Holy Spirit is the seal which shows that you belong to Christ and have eternal security in Him This “seal of the Spirit” is your guarantee that you have eternal life. Since God’s seal cannot be broken, the Holy Spirit continues to live in you and you can enjoy His presence by faith. (**Ephesians 1:13, 14, fn 1:13, 14, John 14:15-27, fn 14:15, 16, fn 14:16, fn 14:18, fn 14:26, John 10:25-30, fn 10:28, 29, Hebrews 11:6, fn 11:6[1st]**) *How could spending an hour a day meditating over the Scriptures and asking the Holy Spirit to show you His presence, help you to know you have eternal security?*

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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