

Message Notes

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In Christ
The Power of Identity
Ephesians 1:1-3
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◆ We believe _____ about ourselves b/c we don't know our _____.

The Lie: You have no power to live the Christian life.

◆ We must know our _____ in *Christ* to live the _____ life.

Background on Ephesians

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus... **Ephesians 1:1 (ESV)**

◆ *Ephesians* was written by _____ in A.D. _____ from a _____.

◆ Paul was _____ to be an _____ by Jesus Himself. (Ac 9:1-19)

◆ This letter was written to the _____ in & around _____.

◆ Outline: I. Our _____ Identity in *Christ* (1:3-2:10)

II. Our _____ Identity in *Christ* (2:11-3:21)

III. Living a Life _____ of our _____ in *Christ* (4:1-6:9)

IV. Fighting our _____ Fully _____ in *Christ* (6:10-24)

The Truth of Being In Christ

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. **Ephesians 1:3 (NIV)**

◆ **1** Paul addresses this letter to the “_____” who are in Ephesus!

◆ A “_____” is _____ who has _____ Christ as Savior.

◆ *The truth:* God sees us as _____ because we are _____.

◆ **2** We have _____ spiritual blessing in *Christ* the _____ we believe.

◆ The Holy Spirit _____ us to live the _____ life. (Gal 5:16)

◆ *The truth:* God has given us His very _____ to help us _____ the

Christian life in _____ and _____. (Eph 1:3-14; Rom 8:1-17)

◆ Do I believe the _____: I have _____ I need to live in Christ?

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