



**Series:** Identity, Who You Are in Christ  
**Passage:** Acts 18-19, Ephesians 1:1-4  
**Title:** Your Identity in Christ  
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**Discussion Starter** –What is your self-identity? Can you choose it or change it? How do life experiences affect your identity? Does your self-identity affect your decisions and behaviors? How does your self-identity relate to how others see you? To how God sees you?

### Read Acts 18:22-19:20

1. What degree of understanding did Apollos have of the gospel? Does “the baptism of John” present good news of God’s salvation?
2. How did Aquila and Priscilla describe the way of God “more accurately” to Apollos, (18:26)? How did Paul’s message differ from Apollos, (19:2-5)?
3. What is the difference between John’s baptism, “repent and be baptized, (Mark 1:4)” and Jesus’ baptism, “believe and be baptized, (Mark 16:16)”?
  - a. How were the identities of these 12 men transformed when they believed on the Lord Jesus? How was your life fundamentally transformed when you declared allegiance to Jesus?
4. How much time did Paul invest in these new believers? What was the result in their community?
  - b. What are you investing to grow in your identity in Christ?
5. How are Paul’s experiences with the founding of this community of believers in about 53 AD, reflected in his message written to them in about 62 AD?

### Read Ephesians 1:1-2

6. How does Paul identify himself to the church in Ephesus? What does Paul say is the source of his identity?
7. How does he identify the people to whom he is writing? What other identities might Paul have used for this group?
  - c. Have you had the same experience as the Ephesians? Do you see yourself as a faithful saint in Christ?

### Read Ephesians 1:3-6

8. What other words might be used to describe the blessings we have been given in Christ? (characteristics, powers, abilities, gifts, standing,...) How does understanding these blessings impact your self-identity?
  - d. Do you see yourself as a receiver/possessor of “every spiritual blessing”? How does your understanding of your place in God’s family affect your daily behavior?
9. What similarities do you see in the equipping and blessing of the believers as compared with God’s initial plan and equipping of Adam to be God’s imager and steward of the earth?
10. How does knowing that your position is anchored in His choosing, from before creation, secure your confidence in the part you play in God’s grand plan?