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Series: Identity, Who You Are in Christ
Passage: Ephesians 1:7-12
Title: Your Identity in Christ, Part 2
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Discussion Starter –Can you imagine a gift given that is beyond extravagant and undeserved, (like a brand-new Corvette for a 16-year-old's birthday present)? What would be an appropriate response, (gratitude, joy, suspicion, indebtedness, bondage…)? What responses would respect (or dis-respect) the generosity of the giver? In what different ways could this gift be squandered?

Read Ephesians 1:3-14

1. What are the 7 distinct blessings associated with salvation God, the Father has planned for us as believers?

2. How are these 7 blessings associated with the Father's plan for us? What is our position that is the result of this plan? What are the 2 reasons that the Father undertook this plan, (verse 5-6)?

    a. What response is appropriate as we understand the full depth and breadth of this salvation God has planned, completed, and assured to us? (Ephesians 4:1)

Read Ephesians 1:7-12

3. What are the seven blessings identified that describe the Son's work of salvation for us in these verses?

4. What does the origin story of the nation of Israel reveal about God's definition of redemption? (Exodus 6:6-8)

5. What is the difference between redemption as described in the Exodus, and ***THE Redemption***, (as indicated in the original text of Ephesians)?

    b. What do the terms, redemption, rescue, and reclamation from Exodus 6 reveal to us about ***THE Redemption*** described in Ephesians 1? What was our plight that required rescue?

    c. How does the blood of Christ effect our redemption? (Leviticus 17:11, Hebrews 9:11-15)

6. Why is forgiveness of sins so closely associated with ***THE Redemption***?

    d. How do you reconcile our status as sinless before God while we experience daily struggle with sin and temptation? Why can we identify our status as "more than a conqueror", Romans 8:37?

    e. How does a biblical perspective of our own failures affect our response to the failures of others?

7. "The riches of His grace", (v 7) are illustrated and measured by the gifts of our redemption and forgiveness of sins. What do these gifts reveal to you about the extent and value of God's grace?

    f. What are indicators in your life that you are living outside of God's grace?

8. What does it mean that God's grace "abounds toward us in all wisdom and prudence"?

9. What 3 instructions, (wisdom and prudence) did Paul provide to encourage believers to remain in the grace of God? (2 Timothy 2:1, Galatians 2:21, and Romans 6:1)

    g. Are you fully convinced that grace is the best motivator for righteous living?

    h. Do you worry that if you fully embrace God's grace you will abuse it and engage in sin? Why?