

EPHESIANS

**GOSPEL IDENTITY:
who we are in Christ**

Chapters 1 - 3

Blessed, loved and chosen by God (1:3-6)
 Redeemed by Christ (1:7-12)
 Sealed with the Spirit (1:13-14)
Prayer for Knowledge #1 (1:15-23)
 Made alive from spiritual death (2:1-5)
 Raised and seated with Christ in heaven (2:6-7)
 Saved by grace through faith (2:8-9)
 God's workmanship (2:10)
 United together as the family of God (2:11-22)
 Members of one another. (3:1-6)
 God's church, stewards of the Gospel (3:7-13)
Prayer for Knowledge #2 (3:14-21)

**GOSPEL LIVING:
how we are to live in Christ**

Chapters 4 - 6

United & growing in the church (4:1-16)
 Putting on Christ (4:17-24)
 Speaking grace & truth (4:25-31)
 Walking in love (4:32-5:2)
 Children of light (5:3-21)
 Gospel-centered marriage (5:22-33)
 Gospel-centered parenting (6:1-4)
 Gospel-centered work (6:5-9)
 Put on & stand in your Gospel armor (6:10-20)



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Who Am I?

It's one of the "BIG questions of life" that we are all striving to answer. The world gives us lots of options and answers. God, through the Gospel, offers us another answer. Paul's letter to the Ephesians is all about our Gospel IDENTITY and how that must lead to Gospel LIVING.

OUR GOSPEL IDENTITY: Who are we?

1. We are _____. (1:1- 2:10)
2. We are _____ of _____
in the _____. (2:11 - 3:21)

OUR GOSPEL LIVING: How should we now live?

1. Walk in a manner _____ of our _____. (4:1)
2. Walk _____ in _____. (4:2-16)
3. Walk _____. (4:17-32)
4. Walk in _____. (4:32-5:2)
5. Walk as _____ of _____. (5:3-14)
6. Walk _____ & _____. (5:15-6:9)
7. Stand in the _____ and _____ of God. (6:10-20)



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Connecting Together

In this 4th week of Winter Growth Groups, take time to share your lives together.

Studying God's Word Together

1. How did you "come under" God's Word in the message this week?
What did you think or feel as you heard the message of Ephesians?
2. Who are you? Pastor Tim shared how he found his identity as a surfer in his teenage years. Share one place you've found your identity at some stage of your life.
3. What's an INDICATIVE statement vs. an IMPERATIVE statement and where do the indicatives and imperatives fall in the book of Ephesians?
What point is being made in this clear delineation in the book?
4. Read Ephesians 1:3-14 together as a group. In this massive and wonderful discussion of our salvation, what does the Father do, what does the Son do, and what does the Holy Spirit do?

5. Twice Paul prays that the Ephesians might KNOW certain things (1:15-22 and 3:14-21). Choose one of the prayers and determine what he prays they might KNOW. Why does he pray for their knowledge? What does this mean for us?
6. In the message, we talked about all the ways we are called to "walk" or live in light of the Gospel. Which of the ways challenged you most?
7. "Gospel living flows out of knowing our Gospel identity." What does that statement mean and do you "buy" it?

Household/Family Focus: for discussion in your household

Discuss this question: Which does God do first: love, choose, bless and save us OR command us to live for Him? Why does this matter? If age appropriate, discuss the INDICATIVE/IMPERATIVE distinction in Ephesians.

Prayer

Use one of Paul's prayers in Ephesians as a springboard for your prayers for one another. (There may be urgent requests that need to be prayed for in your group. If needed, do that too!)