



## IDENTITY THEFT PART 2

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(Ephesians 1:3-14)

Each one of us has a picture in our mind of ourselves. It is how we see ourselves. It is a reflection of who we think we are. It is our own sense of *identity*. For some, the portrait hanging on the wall of our brain is a good one. For others, it is not. But here's the deal: God wants us to see ourselves the way He sees us. He wants us to have our identity be based *on who He is, what He has done for us, and who we are in Christ*. Today we are going to learn from God's Word who we really are, as we listen to the wisdom and truth of the One who actually gives us our identity.

### FOR THOUGHT & TALK

Take no more than 5 minutes to quickly review the main points from Pastor Gleason's message. As you discuss the questions, don't expect to answer all of them. Just discuss the ones your group would most like to explore together. *Remember, the goal of your small group is to grow together relationally, to **apply** God's Word to our daily living, and to pray for one another and our church.*

1. HEAD: When you think about the images you have about yourself, where have these images come from? Yourself, your family, your friends, the culture around you?
2. HEART: How do you feel when you realize that God sees you "in Christ...holy and blameless as you stand before Him without a single fault?" How does that cause you to change the way you think about yourself?
3. HAND: Imagine a normal day for you. How would this spiritual truth of being "in Christ" affect your thoughts, attitudes, and actions?
4. HABITS: How much of your spiritual life is about how much you "do" for God? If it's not what we do for God that matters but what He's already done for us, how would this change your day-to-day spiritual life? If you relied only on Jesus' payment and not your performance, how would this truth change how you view your spiritual life?