

I AM HIS CHILD

Identity: Part 2

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Ephesians 1:3-14

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IN THE FAMILY...

1. I AM ACCEPTED.

“All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.” (Ephesians 1:3, NLT)

2. I AM WANTED.

“Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us...God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.” (Ephesians 1:4–5, NLT)

3. I AM FORGIVEN.

“So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.” (Ephesians 1:6–7, NLT)

4. I AM A WORK IN PROGRESS.

“He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding...Furthermore, because we are united with Christ...he makes everything work out according to his plan.” (Ephesians 1:8, 11, NLT)

“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.” (Romans 8:28–29, NLT)

5. I AM TOTALLY SECURE!

“...And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. The Spirit is God’s guarantee that he will give us the

***inheritance he promised** and that he has purchased us to be his own people...*
(Ephesians 1:13–14b, NLT)

“For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children.” (Romans 8:16, NLT)

ACTION STEP

1st Base

Ephesians Reading Plan

“He did this so we would praise and glorify him.” (Ephesians 1:14c, NLT)