



**PRAYER:** God, your Holy Spirit is always at work. Thank you for working in our lives. Thank you for your comfort, support, correction, and empowerment. Thank you for extending to us relationship with you. As we encounter you daily, make us mindful of your presence, give us your peace, show us your purpose, and guide us into your purpose. In the amazing name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**ICEBREAKER:** Finish this sentence: *People would be surprised to know that I...*

**INTRODUCTION:** In his letter to the church at Ephesus, Paul reminds believers of who they are in Christ, and how that should inform and shape every aspect of their lives—past, present, and future. The Ephesians didn't have much in common, yet Paul was very clear that in the family of God, all are equal recipients of God's grace through Christ. Paul reminded them constantly of who they were: loved (1:4), chosen (1:4), adopted (1:5), redeemed and forgiven (1:7), lavished with wisdom and understanding (1:8) included, marked and sealed (1:13) by the Holy Spirit. Discovering and embracing how the Spirit works helps us live more fully as people who are radically loved by God.

**SCRIPTURE:** Read Ephesians 1:13-14 (NIV)

**DISCUSSION:**

1. Mark Twain defined education as *"that which remains after you've forgotten all you've been taught."* Share with the group one thing that remains with you from the message. What fresh, *"I-never-thought-about-that-before"* insights did you learn from the message? If you could summarize the message in one minute for the group members who didn't hear it, what would you say?
2. Many times, we overlook the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. What does verse 14 teach us about the work and roles of the Holy Spirit? If you could look into the future, what is something you hope to be different about your walk with Christ because of the work of the Holy Spirit? What is one thing you can do to get there?
3. According to the last phrase of verse 14, what is the ultimate purpose of our salvation? How often do you focus on that purpose and give God what's desired? What are some things we focus on instead of God's praise?
4. Are you a proclaimer of the Gospel? With whom are you sharing the good news of Jesus Christ at this point in your life? With whom do you need to share it? Who can we pray for with you today?

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**CHALLENGE:** What is one “a-ha” moment you had in our group discussion today. Note it and write it down. If you applied your learning from this week’s message, how would the next week be different for you?

**SERVE:** How is God calling us to live out this message this week? As individuals? As a group?

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at [www.myspbc.org](http://www.myspbc.org). You can also “find, follow and like” our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/myspbc](http://www.facebook.com/myspbc). Turn on your notifications.

**CELEBRATIONS:** Take this time to share praise reports (e.g., answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

**PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER:** Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

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