

Identity: Who Do You Say that I am?
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The identity of the church (Ephesians)

Our identity informs our activity.

Ephesians 1:1-2

Chuck Swindoll: It took a changed man to write this kind of letter.

“Seven God activated verbs that provide a wide-screen panorama of the comprehensive ways that God works in this comprehensive cosmos that we find ourselves lost. God is on our side... He is not against us. He is not passive. God is totally involved in the cosmos; he is not indifferent. We must submit ourselves to the blessing... We think we are seeking God, no in fact God is seeking us.” – Eugene Peterson

Ephesians 1:3

Ephesians 1:4-6

The scandal of Grace and the gospel is not about who God excludes, but who he lets in.

God, both knows you best, and loves you most.

Ephesians 1:7-10

Ephesians 1:11-14

In this section we see the whole trinity involved in the process.

- The father purposes.
- The Son redeems.
- The Holy Spirit reveals.

The Holy Spirit is the one who ensures us that God is going to finish what he started.

God loves His Church, despite its imperfections.

We Receive, We Hope, We Listen, We Believe