



## A BLUEPRINT FOR ACCEPTANCE

Ephesians 1:3 – 14

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### MESSAGE NOTES

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. — Ephesians 2:8 – 10 (ESV)*

*“Your view of you is the greatest commentary on your view of God.”  
— The Cure by John Lynch, Bruce McNicol and Bill Thrall*

#### **Blueprints that Link God’s character to Our Identity:**

- **Discover the Father’s love through adoption.**

*... In love He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will,  
— Ephesians 1:4 – 5 (ESV)*

- **Discover Christ’s freedom through redemption.**

*In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,  
which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ... — Ephesians 1:7 – 8 (ESV)*

*For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit. — 1 Peter 3:18 (ESV)*

- **Discover the Spirit’s power through the promise.**

*In Him you also, when you heard the Word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, — Ephesians 1:13 (ESV)*



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: People often identify themselves by loyalty to a sports team or a hobby. Share your favorite team or your favorite hobby and why it identifies a piece of who you are.
- Read Ephesians 2:8 – 10. What does it mean that we are “masterpieces of God’s Grace.”
- How does understanding who we are in Christ help us to experience God’s love, freedom, and power in a better way?
- In the book “The Cure” a statement is made that says, “Your view of you is the greatest commentary on your view of God.” Do you agree or disagree and why?
- Which area of God’s design do you feel you need to grow in the most: God’s love, freedom, or power? Why?
- Read Ephesians 1:4. Why is being adopted in love by the Father such a powerful part of our identity in today’s world?
- What key truth did you take away from the teaching this Sunday?
- Read Ephesians 1:7 – 8. What is God teaching you through these two verses?