**Ephesians—We Are People Who Are in Christ**

**Ephesians 1:1-14**

1. **Who are you? What’s your identity? Give me three answers.***Answers vary.*
2. **God says that you are his holy child. What does that mean?***First of all, it DOESN’T mean that we are without sin and can achieve perfection through our actions. NO WAY!!! What it does mean is that we are pure, blameless, set-apart, forgiven and perfect in God’s eyes because of what Jesus did for us. He lived a perfect life in our place and died in our place to pay the penalty for sin. Then, Jesus gave us his status of holy. He exchanged our sin for his holiness!*
3. **How does it make you feel that God the Father chose you from the beginning of time to be his people?***It makes us feel valued and loved! Even before the world was created God had us in mind!*
4. **God gave you powerful spiritual possessions: A place in heaven, forgiveness, redemption, and faith in him. How does it make you feel that you did nothing to deserve all the spiritual possessions you have?***If we are honest, sometimes we feel a little bitter that we can’t earn our way to heaven. By nature, we want to achieve things for ourselves receive the credit. Sometimes, even the grace and forgiveness of God loses its shine to us because it’s a gift and we had nothing to do with it! However, the Holy Spirit can change our hearts and minds to view this gift of grace as precious and to be extremely thankful for it!*