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**Critical Question Series:**  
**Who Am I? – *An Expansion of Our Identity***  
**Who You Are in Christ**  
Ephesians 1: 1-7, 13-14

1. **Who Am I? – A question of identity.**
  - a. **WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST (an expansion of our identity)**
2. Where Did I Come From? – *A question of source.*
3. Why Am I Here? – *A question of purpose.*
4. What Can I Do? – *A question of potential.*
5. Where Am I Going? – *A question of destiny.*

*The question of identity needs to be established before anything else. Identity is **the condition of being one's self and not another.** In addition to identity there is **imprinting.** "The rapid learning process that takes place early in one's life that establishes a behavior pattern." – Dr. DeAnn Johnson*

We have confused our imprinting with our identity. We have mislabeled our doing with our being. Identity is based solely on who we were designed to be.

**WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST:**

1. We are God's creation
2. We are made in God's image
3. We are male **or** female (1 of 2 genders to fulfill the design of procreation).
4. We are unconditionally loved by God

In the scripture of *Ephesians*, the first three chapters deal with *who* we are and the last three chapters deal with *what we are to do as a result of who we are in Christ.*

### **Ephesians 1: 1-3, Genesis 12:2-3, Galatians 3: 8-9**

- We are blessed. Blessed is where we get the word *eulogy*, and eulogy means to speak well of someone.

### **Ephesians 1: 4-5**

- We are chosen. Our selection was intentional, not an afterthought or a mistake. *“Despite our condition we were chosen that we should be Holy and without blame.”* – Dr. DeAnn Johnson. We were *predestined*, but this is not a format for exclusion but a guaranteed destiny for those who accept the plan of salvation.

### **Ephesians 1:6**

- We are accepted. No matter our fears, concerns, & conditions, we are accepted by God.

### **Ephesians 1:7**

- We are redeemed. Without the shedding of blood there is no redemption.

### **Ephesians 1: 13-14**

- We are sealed. We are stamped with a mark for security, preservation, and protection from misappropriation.

*In closing, faith comes by hearing. After you have heard the truth, you believe in the truth and then you are sealed by the truth.*