

WHO YOU ARE

As preached on Sunday, July 11th

Read: Ephesians 1:1-14

1. How do you feel about being called one of “God’s holy people”? Excited? Embarrassed? Proud? Take a few moments to think it over and explain your answer.
2. As you take a look back at vv.4-6, in what ways do they describe how God the Father has chosen you? How does it feel to be told this?
3. In vv.7-12 we are told, in many ways, that we have been redeemed by Christ the Son. How has Jesus done this? How do you experience this in your day-to-day life?
4. We’re told in vv.13-14 that we have been sealed by the Holy Spirit. What is the significance of this? How does it relate to our eventual eternal salvation? How does it relate to our life in the here and now?
5. As you survey vv.1-14 of this magnificent letter of love, how many verbs can you find that are commanding you to do something? What is the significance of that number?
6. What do you think Paul means in v.10 when he says that unity will be brought “to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ”? Is this something that we participate in?
7. How can we be sure that we are a people who celebrate the wideness of God’s grace and mercy rather than becoming overly-focused on “who’s in” and “who’s out”?