

## Identity -vs- Wedenity

EPHESIANS 1:9-14

7 Blessings of Highly Elected People!

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Blessing # 1 GOD CHOSE US TO BE HOLY AND BLAMELESS

Blessing # 2 GOD HAS ADOPTED ME INTO HIS FAMILY

Blessing # 3 WE ARE REDEEMED AND FORGIVEN

### **Blessing #4**

**GOD HAS SHOWN THE MYSTERY OF HIS WILL.**

The goal of history is Jesus Christ.

This mystery is the culminating, unifying and sanctifying event in all of history.

*“And He made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.”*

*“In Him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will, in order that we, how ere the first to hope in Christ might be for the praise of His glory.*

*“And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.*

*“Having believed you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession – to the praise of His glory.” Eph. 1:9-14*

Blessing #5 I AM CHOSEN FOR AN (AS AN) INHERITANCE

Chosen can have two meanings:

Chosen AS an inheritance.

Chosen FOR an inheritance.

Predestined and Human Choice:

These two truths must not be blended... they must not be bent... they must be balanced.

Lean too far one way and you end up with FATALISM

Lean too far the other way you end up with HUMANISM

### **Blessing #6**

**I AM INCLUDED IN CHRIST.**

“Included in Christ” means: I AM APART OF THE IN- CROWD

### **Blessing #7**

**I HAVE THE GARENTEE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

Two pictures of the work of the Holy Spirit:

1. The Holy Spirit is a SEAL who marks us.

A seal indicates: Completion, Ownership, Security, Authenticity, and Authority

2. The Holy Spirit is a DEPOSIT who guarantees our inheritance.

... who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession...

... to the praise of His glory.” Eph. 1:14