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Series: Identity: Who We Are in Christ

(A Close-up Look at Ephesians)

– Ephesians 1:3-12 –

We have been so blessed! Why?

I. Because He has _____ Me

II. Because He _____ Me

When Jesus loving people wrestle with issues like this, our attitude must be one of _____ rather than _____ debate points, and our goal must be _____ God's truth by working together toward it, rather than _____ personal beliefs.

How God's Advance Planning Helps Me

- 1. I can see the evidence of His _____ of me
- 2. I know that God has prepared for _____
- 3. I know that painful, surprising events are not _____
- 4. I know that God will use my hurt to _____

Application Questions. . .

- 1. What especially spoke to you in this passage?
- 2. If this passage was a good answer to a question that began with the word *Why...* what would the rest of the question say?
- 3. How does knowing that God has chosen to adopt you change your view of yourself and God?
- 4. When you approach God in prayer, do you approach Him as a guilty convict or an adopted child? Why?
- 5. Buck said, "*It's tragic when you are more concerned about being right than you are about being loving.*" How have you seen that principle at work in your life?
- 6. How has God used a painful experience in your life to help someone else?
- 7. In what way are you experiencing God's blessing right now?