

Clean Slate... our new identity in Christ
"The Only Response"
Ephesians 1:3-14

Big Idea: God has given us our *new identity in Christ*, so we would praise Him forever!

Praise God, who has given us everything in Christ! (vv 3, 6, 12, 14)

God has chosen us to be *His people* (vv 4-6).
So... Praise God! (v 6)

Jesus has united us forever (vv7-12).
So... Praise God! (v 12)

The Holy Spirit makes our new identity real (v 14).
So... Praise God! (v 14)

Guidelines for reading Ephesians:

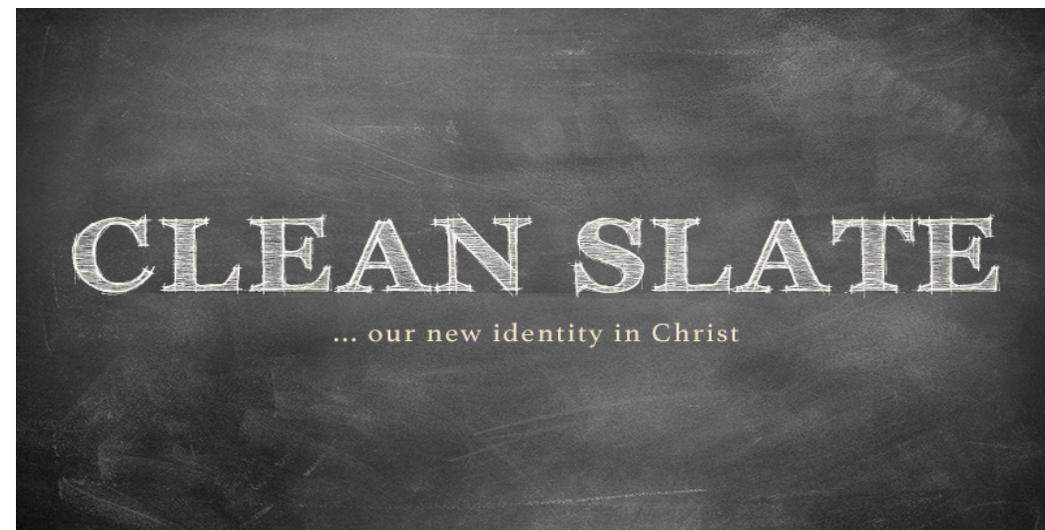
1. This letter is *for* us, not *to* us.
2. Allow what is clear to guide your understanding.
3. Don't allow the details to obscure the point.

Next Steps:

1. Participate- we are united in Jesus
 - a. All-In Prayer Night- Wednesday @ 6:45P
 - b. Serve Saturday- register at 2RC.tv/ServeSaturday



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ALL CHURCH

Group Registration is Open! | Jan 14/15 | 2RC.tv/GroupSignups
Stop by one of our tables in the lobby to join a group this semester!

Taste of Two Rivers | Jan. 15 | All-Church | 2RC.tv/Taste
Join us on each campus after service to meet some of our staff and elders.

Serve Saturday | Feb. 4 | All-Church | 2RC.tv/ServeSaturday
Registration is open! Visit our website to register for a service project.

All-In Prayer Night | Jan. 18 | 6:45P | All-Church | 2RC.tv/Events
A night of worship-based prayer as we pray our vision into reality.

Encore All-Call & Pickleball | Jan. 18 | 10:00A | Harrison Ln | 2RC.tv/Encore
Those of retiree-age, join us for our monthly meeting in the Student Center.

Wade In | Jan. 29 | All-Church | Register at 2RC.tv/WadeIn
A four-session class explaining why we do what we do and how we do it.

BEARDEN

Men's Cornhole Tournament | Jan. 25 | 6:30P | 2RC.tv/Events
Bring a partner and an appetizer to share for our cornhole tournament.

Ladies Bunco Night | Feb. 1 | 6:30P | 2RC.tv/Events
Save the date for a fun night of Bunco! More details to come.

PRAYER REQUESTS

I PRAYED TO RECEIVE CHRIST TODAY!

I'M INTERESTED IN BEING BAPTIZED!

LIVE IT OUT | A DAILY DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

Go to 2rc.tv/LiveItOut or scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin. Register for a Serve Saturday project at 2RC.tv/ServeSaturday

Monday | Read Ephesians 1:1-14

God has given us our new identity "in Christ." As you read, highlight each time you see a reference to being "in Christ" and underline each phrase connected to praising God. Now read it again. How does this passage move you to worship? Ask Jesus, "What act of worship are you calling me to today in real life?"

Tuesday | Focus on Ephesians 1:3-6

God has given us everything in Christ. For those who are followers of Jesus, God has chosen us to be His people. What are the rights and responsibilities of being a "co-heir" with Christ? How does this motivate us to live differently? Ask Jesus, "Where are you inviting me to join in what you are doing today?"

Wednesday | Focus on Ephesians 1:7-12 | Participate in All-In Prayer

Jesus has united us forever. Our union with Christ means that we are also joined together with other followers of Jesus. How does knowing this letter is written to "y'all" impact how you see your union with Jesus? How does this truth impact how you view "unity" within the local church? Ask Jesus, "Who can I encourage today within the community of faith?"

Thursday | Focus on Ephesians 1:13-14

The Holy Spirit makes our new identity real. How does the Holy Spirit confirm you know that you are in Christ? What does it mean to have been given a "down payment" or "first installment" of inheritance in Christ? Ask Jesus, "Where do I need to believe you today to experience the truth that I belong to you?"

Friday | Listen to the whole letter of Ephesians | Ephesians 1-6

What do you hear that you praise God for? Write it out and praise God!



Join us for a time set aside for worship-based prayer as we pray our vision into reality.

Jan. 18 | 6:45P | All Church

