

**The Series is called:**

**All Things New: the book of Ephesians**

**Week 1 was: A New Identity**

Written by who? Author: That's right Paul, **an Apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God**

Written to who? , Audience: that's right the **Saints, faithful in Christ Jesus, In Christ Jesus, In Him, In the Beloved:** this is a key, a really significant phrase. It appears about 10x in the first 13 verses. It appears about 130x in this epistle or letter to the church.

It is a letter that is written to those who are IN CHRIST, those whose faith is in the Lord Jesus from an Apostle of Jesus Christ!

1. In recapping the message from Week 1, we considered how our Identity motivates our Activity. What activities in your regular schedule in life reveal some of your current identity? What activities could you be more diligent in performing based on your New Identity in Jesus Christ?
2. What does it mean to be in Christ, in the beloved, in Him?
3. What is the difference between Positional Christianity and Practical Christianity? How do each impact your Jesus Journey?
4. Read John 16:8 and Romans 8:1 and discuss the differences between Conviction and Condemnation.

**Week 2 title is: A NEW REASON TO PRAISE**

1. What was the intension behind the drawing called the DUCK RABBIT ILLUSION in the Pastor's message?
2. Which animal did you see first?
3. Were you a little surprised that the other people saw a different animal?
4. Give other examples of how two people can see the same thing and come to a different conclusion. Example: a car wreck
4. What is the longest sentence in the bible?
5. How many greek words does it contain?

6. What are two of the most controversial words in the longest sentence in the bible?
7. What makes these words so contested among Christians?
8. Who does Paul praise first in this passage?
9. What two things can we join Paul in praising God for?
10. What makes Paul's praise so unusual and untimely?
11. Who are the two who's mentioned in verse 4?
12. Discuss who you believe God to be and who you understand us to be, as referred to in this passage?
13. When was God's choice of us made?
14. Discuss why this a problem in many Christian conversations?
15. What two things did God choose for us to be according to verse 4?
16. Why did God chose us and how does that link to the word predestination in this passage as spelled out in verse 5?
17. Discuss how God's choice, God's predestination and God's adoption compliment each other regarding us, the faithful in Christ Jesus?

Read Romans 8:18-23

18. What is the component of adoption that we have not experienced yet?
19. What topics or thoughts about today's message make you think differently about salvation?
20. what topics for thoughts about today's message leave you a bit confused or concerned?