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**Identity** | Ephesians 1:1-13 (p. 997) | Ryan Paulson, Lead Pastor  
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I \_\_\_\_\_, therefore I am.

• A \_\_\_\_\_ that's \_\_\_\_\_.

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When grace is \_\_\_\_\_, praise is \_\_\_\_\_.

## Discussion Questions for Sermon-Based Life Groups

**Personal preparation:** Read the passage, review your outline and think through the questions. With your group, watch the video blog together ([www.efcc.org/video-blog](http://www.efcc.org/video-blog)).

### CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

1. From the Video Blog, answer the question which was posed – “I \_\_\_\_\_, therefore I am.”

### GROWING AS A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

2. As people who are “in Christ,” we have a past that is forgiven (Ephesians 1:7).
  - a. How do you typically handle or manage your past failures and mistakes (or even successes and wins)? Why?
  - b. How does knowing that you have a past that is forgiven affect how you live with your past now, and how you will live with it in the future?
  - c. If you need to make a change in how you deal with your past, i.e. dealing with it in God’s way rather than in your own, normal way, how will it look different?
3. As people who are “in Christ,” we have a present that is blessed (Ephesians 1:3). Briefly share with your group your responses to these truths.
  - a. Right now you have God’s blessing AND you have all of the blessing God could give.
  - b. There is no good (blessing) that God is holding back from you.
  - c. If God can’t give it to you in Christ, he doesn’t plan on giving it. If he can give it in Christ, you already have it.
4. As people who are “in Christ,” we have a future that is secure (Ephesians 1:11, 13-14).
  - a. What about our future is secure?
  - b. How do people who are certain of their inheritance live differently from those who aren’t?

### SHARING IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

5. What’s one thing you sense God is challenging you to do?

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I **am in Christ**, therefore I am.

- A **past** that's **forgiven**.
- A **present** that's **blessed**.
- A **future** that's **secure**.

When grace is **received**, praise is **released**.