

# Hello My Name is AWESOME!

Ephesians 1:1-7

## Facts about Our Identity:

1. How you see yourself is your identity.
2. People cannot consistently behave in ways that are inconsistent with the way they perceive themselves.
3. When we get our identity right, everything else falls into place.
4. Until we get our identity right, everything else will be a struggle.
5. Paul does not try to tell the Ephesians how to live “for Christ” until he first tells them who they are “in Christ.”

## I. SAINTED

Ephesians 1:1; Romans 1:7; 1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 1:1; Phil.1:1 Colossians 1:1

- The word “saint” is used 65-times in the New Testament.
- The Bible term for “saint” means, *holy sacred, hallowed, sanctified, awesome, set apart for God, exclusively His.*”

Roman Catholic Sainthood	Biblical Sainthood
1. Virtue or <u>Martyr</u> .	1. <u>Believe</u> in Jesus
2. Perform two <u>miracles</u> .	2. <u>Experience</u> the miracle of New Birth
3. <u>Death</u> .	3. <u>Life</u> in Christ
4. <u>Time</u>	4. <u>Instantaneous</u> .

## II. BLESSED

Ephesians 1:3, 7b, 8

## III. CHOSEN FOR ADOPTION

Ephesians 1:4-5

- a. We have been chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world.
- b. We have been chosen to be adopted.

### In Christ, our adoption means that we have been:

- Adopted into new intimacy with the Father. Gal. 4:6
- Adopted into a new identity as God’s child. Gal. 4:6; Rev. 2:17
- Adopted into a new state of dependency on the Father. Mark 14:33-36
- Adopted into a new position of security in your relationship. Romans 8:14-16
- Adopted into a new level of spiritual prosperity. Gal. 4:6-7
- Adopted into the fullness of your destiny. Luke 15:17-20

## IV. REDEEMED AND FORGIVEN

Ephesians 1:7

- a. Redemption: “to buy out of.”
- b. Forgiveness: “to cancel a debt.”

ME + SIN = DEATH/SEPARATION FROM GOD

JESUS + HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS = LIFE/UNION WITH GOD

JESUS + MY SIN = HIS DEATH

ME + FAITH IN JESUS = HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS AND LIFE