



Don't forget to stay connected during the week!

Would you like to serve and see what God can do IN you and THROUGH you? We would like to talk to you. Let us know through your connection card or in person with one of our leaders..

A big part of our church's DNA is going out to serve to those in need, so we want to invite you to link arms with us as we serve our community. Stay tune for our next community service events.

Do you have kids between 12 and 18? 🙌 Our Youth Group is a safe, fun, and purposeful place where they can grow in their faith, make friends, and discover what God has planned for their lives. We'll see them this Tuesday at 7PM. ✨

Every Wednesday we'll have our midweek WOW service—a time to worship, learn, and connect with God. We'll see you at 7PM! ✨

🔥 Worship Night at Playas Church 🔥 November 14 — a night to lift your voice and your heart to God. 🎵 Doors open at 7:45 p.m.

🌸 Women's Brunch — Playas Church 🌸 November 15 | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. A time to connect, laugh, and grow together.



Hello!

Glad to see you!





MADE FOR KNOWING CHRIST

Series Theme Verse:

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for.

Ephesians 1:11 (MSG)

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Through Christ, God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing that heaven has to offer. Before the creation of the world, he chose us through Christ to be holy and perfect in his presence. Because of his love he had already decided to adopt us through Jesus Christ. He freely chose to do this so that the kindness he had given us in his dear Son would be praised and given glory.

Through the blood of his Son, we are set free from our sins. God forgives our failures because of his overflowing kindness. He poured out his kindness by giving us every kind of wisdom and insight when he revealed the mystery of his plan to us. He had decided to do this through Christ. He planned to bring all of history to its goal in Christ. Then Christ would be the head of everything in heaven and on earth. God also decided ahead of time to choose us through Christ according to his plan, which makes everything work the way he intends. He planned all of this so that we who had already focused our hope on Christ would praise him and give him glory.

You heard and believed the message of truth, the Good News that he has saved you. In him you were sealed with the Holy Spirit whom he promised. This Holy Spirit is the guarantee that we will receive our inheritance. We have this guarantee until we are set free to belong to him. God receives praise and glory for this.

Ephesians 1:3-14 (GW)

In Christ:

- Our **IDENTITY** precedes our **ACTIVITY**. (vv. 3-6)
- Our **STATUS** comes from his **SACRIFICE**. (vv. 7-12)
- We **RECEIVE** it when we **BELIEVE** it. (vv. 13-14)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Our anchor passage reminds us that our identity in Christ precedes anything that we do for Christ. In what ways have you been tempted to define yourself by what you do rather than who you are in Christ? How does remembering that you are chosen and loved before you do anything change the way you approach your family, work, school, or social networks?
2. Paul reminds us, among many things, that we are blessed, chosen, holy, set free, forgiven, and so on. Which of these truths is hardest for you to fully believe about yourself? Why do you think that particular truth is hard for you to embrace?
3. What practice or rhythm can you engage in to help you root your identity more deeply in Christ this week?

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