## BELONGING IN THE SPIRIT
## EPHESIANS 1:3-14

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul reminds us that we are chosen, redeemed, and filled with the Holy Spirit as a sign that we belong to God. Through Christ, we are not just saved, but we are given the Spirit as God's promise that we will share in eternal blessings. This divine seal assures us that we are never abandoned, but fully embraced in God's love and purpose.

 **Monday: Read Ephesians 1:3.**
Like many of his letters, Paul begins Ephesians with praise and thanksgiving.
What spiritual blessings have you experienced in your life?
How do you praise God for the blessings you have received?

 **Tuesday: Read Ephesians 1:4-6.**
Before you did anything to earn it, God chose you in love.
What does it mean to you to be chosen and adopted into God's family?
What does it mean to you that God chose you before you chose God?

 **Wednesday: Read Ephesians 1:7-10.**
Not only are you forgiven in Christ, but Jesus makes known God's will for you.
What impact can knowing you are forgiven by Jesus have in your life?

 **Thursday: Read Ephesians 1:11-14.**
The Spirit is God's promise etched on your life, a sign that you are secure, claimed, and never abandoned.
Where do you most need assurance that you belong to God?
How might you open yourself today to the Holy Spirit's quiet encouragement?

 **Friday: Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-6.**
The Holy Spirit points our lives toward the truth that "Jesus is Lord!"
Where in your life do you need the Spirit to focus you on the way of Jesus?
How does the Spirit help you see God at work?

 **Saturday: Read 1 Corinthians 12:7-12.**
Belonging in the Spirit means that each of us is gifted in unique ways.
What gifts has God given you to bless others?
Where do you see the Spirit at work in your church community?

When we live in the Spirit, we walk in the fullness of our identity as God's beloved children, secure in the eternal promise. The Spirit not only assures us of our place in God's love but also empowers us to go, serve, and include others in that love.
**Connecting to the Holy Spirit provides direction and inspiration.**