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## INTRODUCTION

## Part 4 - Becoming God's Child Forever

The gospel can be confusing.

What exactly should be included in the presentation of the it? What does God require of us to receive forgiveness of our sins? How do we receive the gift of eternal life?

Clear as Mud will answer these questions and more. No message is more important than the gospel—so, let's clear it up.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share something you have lost that is either funny or hard to believe but true.
2. Over the last few weeks in this “Clear As Mud” series, we’ve talked about how each of us can be forgiven of our sins, receive the gift of eternal life, and a experience a relationship with God when we believe in Jesus. Have you ever wondered or worried if this was something you could lose too?
3. In the original language, Ephesians 1:3-14 is one long sentence. Have one person read this passage to the group.
4. Verses 4-6 describe our adoption. What else do you learn about adoption in John 1:12-13 and Romans 8:15?
5. Verses 7-12 describe our redemption and forgiveness. The first “redemption story” played out in Exodus 6:1-8 and pointed to Jesus. What similarities do you see?
6. Verses 13-14 describe being sealed and our inheritance. Read Revelation 21:1-7 to learn more of our inheritance in Heaven. What are you most looking forward to?
7. Through faith in Jesus, you are God’s child forever. You didn’t earn it, and you can’t lose it. You are adopted, redeemed, and sealed. Ephesians 1:3-14 is bookended with a call to praise God. As a group, take time in prayer to praise God for these spiritual blessings that we have in His Son Jesus Christ.

## APPLICATION

There are times when you may feel that you can’t clearly see where you “stand” with Jesus. You may think because you’ve messed up, made a mistake, or sinned, that your relationship with Him has changed. You may be worried that He won’t forgive you, or that you have to make it up to Him somehow to redeem yourself. You want your relationship with Him to remain, and you don’t want to lose that.

Over the past few weeks of this series, we’ve looked at how confusing and unclear the gospel can be sometimes. Through each message, we’ve discovered that one thing always remains—Jesus. If we put our faith in Him, and trust that He is always there for us unconditionally, we will always be a part of God’s family. Nothing can change that.

## KEY VERSES

Ephesians 1:1-14  
Ephesians 2:8-9  
1 John 3:1  
1 Peter 5:7  
Matthew 6:9  
1 Peter 1:3-4  
1 Peter 1:18-19  
James 4:8  
1 John 1:9  
Matthew 10:27-30