

Chapter 43: Union With Christ

Definition: *Union with Christ is a phrase used to summarize several different relationships between believers and Christ, through which Christians receive every benefit of salvation.*

A. We are In Christ

1. In God's Eternal Plan [Eph. 1:4, 2 Tim. 1:8-9,
2. During Christ's Life on Earth [Rom. 5:19, 2 Cor. 5:21, Gal. 2:20, Eph. 2:6]
3. During Our Lives Now
  - a. Dying and Rising With Christ [Col. 2:12, Rom 6:4, 11]
  - b. New Life in Christ [1 John 5:11, Eph. 1:3]

--Every stage of the application of redemption is given to us because we are "in Christ." It is "in Christ" that we are called to salvation (1 Cor. 7:22), regenerated (Eph. 1:3, 2:10), and justified (Rom. 8:1). "In Christ" we die (1 Thess. 4:16) and "in him" our bodies will be raise up again (1 Cor. 15:22). These passages suggest that because our lives are inseparably connected to Christ himself, the Holy Spirit gives us all the blessings that Christ has earned.

- c. All Our Actions Can Be Done in Christ [Rom. 9:1, Rom. 15:17, Eph 6:10, Phil 2:1, 1 Thess. 3:8, 2 Tim. 3:12, Rom. 16:12]
- d. All Christians Together Are One Body in Christ [1 Cor. 12:12, 26; 1 Peter 2:4-5, John 17:21]

B. Christ Is in Us [Gal. 2:20, Col. 1:27, 1 John 3:24, Rom. 8:9-10]

C. We Are Like Christ

1. We Imitate Christ [1 Cor. 11:1, Rom. 15:7, Col. 3:13]
2. We Become Like Christ [2 Cor. 3:18]

D. We Are With Christ

1. Personal Fellowship With Christ [Matt. 28:20, 1 Cor. 1:9]
2. Union With the Father and With the Holy Spirit [John 17:21, Rom. 8:9, John 14:23, Eph. 4:32, Gal. 5:22-23, John 16:13, Matt. 6:9, Acts 15:28, 2 Cor. 13:14]

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**Schedule (tentative regarding which topics will be covered):**

June 22: Union with Christ (chap. 43)

June 29: BEGIN UNIT 5: Doctrine of the Church

The Nature, Marks, and Purposes of the Church (chap. 44)

July 6: The purity and unity of the church

(chap. 45)

July 13: The power of the church; church discipline

(chap. 46)

**July 20 – Aug 31: Class vacation**

**Sept. 7: Class resumes:** Church government (chap. 47)