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 raised 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]

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June 22: Union with Christ (chap. 43)
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   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)