



Union

Union: We are no longer _____.

“Union with Christ is the Holy Spirit’s work of joining people to Christ and all his saving benefits. God the Father plans salvation ... God the Son accomplishes salvation ... God the Holy Spirit applies the salvation planned by the Father and accomplished by the Son. The most comprehensive category of the application of salvation is union with Christ.” (Thomas Schreiner, *Salvation*)

Why do we need to be united to Christ?

- Our sins _____ us from God (Genesis 3:22-24, Exodus 25:17-22, 26:1, Isaiah 59:1-2, 2 Kings 23:36-24:4, Ephesians 2:11-13, Colossians 1:21).
- Our sins _____ us from each other (Genesis 3:8-13, 4:1-16, Ephesians 2:11-22, Titus 3:3).

How are we to understand our union with Christ?

- The institution of _____ (Genesis 2:24-25, Ephesians 5:31-33, Revelation 19:6-8).

- The image of a _____ (Romans 5:12-21, Ephesians 1:22, 4:15).
- The image of a _____ (tree) and _____ (John 15:1-11, Romans 11:17-24).
- The image of _____ (Romans 13:12-14).
- The image of a _____ and a _____ (Ephesians 1:22-23, 4:11-16).
- The image of a _____ (Ephesians 2:19-22).
- The relationships within the _____ (John 17:20-26).
- The ordinances of _____ and the _____ (Romans 6:1-4, Galatians 3:27).

“Union with Christ is *not* initiated sacramentally through baptism ... Neither does partaking of the Eucharist incorporate into Christ.” (Bruce Demarest, *The Cross and Salvation*)

- The experience of _____ and _____ (Acts 9:1-5, 1 Thessalonians 4:16).

How should the truth about union with Christ change us as the people of God?

- _____ – we _____ our union (relationship) with Christ through prayer (Mark 1:35).
- _____ – the goal of discipleship is _____ and _____ in Christ (Ephesians 4:11-16).
- _____ – the gospel promises that every spiritual _____ can be found in Christ (Ephesians 1:3).
- _____ – we must always remember that apart from Christ we can do _____ (John 15:5).

“Union with Christ by means of the Holy Spirit is not a peripheral matter in biblical theology, although it is widely neglected ... This biblical theme is indispensable for understanding the work of the Holy Spirit in applying the benefits of Christ’s atonement to the Christian.” (James Montgomery Boice, *Foundations of the Christian Faith*)