

Union with Christ in His Death

Romans 6:1-11

Luke 22:19-20 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. **Do this in remembrance of me.**"²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is **the new covenant** in my blood.

Ezekiel 36:26-27 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

I. Union with Christ

True Christianity is the union of the soul with Jesus Christ. It is a supernatural act, a miracle that God performs as a result of being born again.

John 3:3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.**"

John 3:5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit**, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

Ephesians 1:13 **In him you also**, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, **were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit**,

Jn. 14:16-20 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and **will be in you.**¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you...²⁰ In that day you will know that I **am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.**

John 17:20-21 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,²¹ that they may all be one, **just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us**, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

John 17:23 **I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one**, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

- **Our redemption is in Christ.**

Colossians 1:13-14 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of **his beloved Son**,¹⁴ **in whom** we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Ephesians 1:7 **In him** we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

- **Our holiness is in Christ.**

Ephesians 1:4 even as he chose us **in him** before the foundation of the world, **that we should be holy** and blameless before him. In love

- **Our adoption is in Christ.**

Ephesians 1:5 he predestined **us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ**, according to the purpose of his will,

- **Fullness of life is in Christ**

Colossians 2:6-9 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk **in him**,⁷ rooted and **built up in him** and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, **and not according to Christ**.⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,

- **Our glory and perfection are in Christ**

Colossians 1:27-28 to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, **the hope of glory**.²⁸ We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present **every man complete in Christ**. (NASB)

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II. The Reality of Death with Christ

Galatians 2:19-20 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.²⁰ **I have been crucified with Christ**. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

Just as the righteousness of Jesus Christ is inseparable from Himself, so our sinfulness is inseparable from us. Because of that, we had to die in Jesus Christ, to die with Him as He died on the cross.

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Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, **let him deny himself** and take up his cross and follow me.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 For the love of Christ controls us, because **we have concluded** this: **that one has died for all, therefore all have died**; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Salvation is inseparable from the conviction that I died with Christ on the cross of Calvary, with recognitions of this reality.

III. Practical Expression of the Death with Christ?

Romans 6:1-4 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! **How can we who died to sin still live in it?** ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were **baptized into his death?** ⁴ **We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death**, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

A. Deliverance from the guilt of sin in Christ's death

2 Cor. 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Romans 3:23-25 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through **the redemption that is in Christ Jesus**, ²⁵ whom God **put forward as a propitiation by his blood**, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

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B. Deliverance from the power of sin through Christ's death

Romans 6:6-7 We know that **our old self was crucified with him** in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, **so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin**. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin.

Romans 6:11 So you also **must consider yourselves dead to sin** and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

John 6:56-57 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood **abides in me, and I in him**. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me.