

Union with Christ is Far Better Than Whatever Identity You are Claiming

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Colossians 3:1-4

1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your[a] life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Rankin Wilbourne's book, *Union With Christ*

Audio study with a study book by Sinclair Ferguson entitled *Union With Christ*

Union with Christ: What the elect have with by the work of God's grace, whereby they are spiritually and mystically, yet really and inseparably, joined to Christ as their head and husband.

Romans 6:1-5 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized **into Christ Jesus** were baptized **into his** death? 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. For if we have been **united with him** in a death like his, we shall certainly be **united with him** in a resurrection like his.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are **in Christ Jesus**.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is **in Christ**, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Galatians 2:20 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.

(See Eph 1; 2:6, 10; 4:22-24, 5:23, Phil 3:9, John 15:1-27, Rom 6:11, Rom 8, 1 Cor 1:30, 2 Cor 5:17, Gal 3:14, 27, Col 1:27)

You are forgiven of sin and hid in His righteousness.

You are given the righteous record of Jesus.

You are adopted into the family of God.

You are given the Holy Spirit.

You are freed from earning your salvation.

You are freed from self-hatred.

You are freed from the tyranny of sin.

You are given a sure hope that cannot be lost.

You are freed from having to fear death.

You are given a share in the very eternal inheritance of Jesus.

You are forever joined to Him and the heavenlies now and forever.

Union with Christ displaces us from the center of our own lives

A new mindset & a new destiny:

Christ is now your life & you will appear with Him in glory

Union with Christ tells you that you can discover your real self only in relation to the One who made you

Give your mind to union with Christ. Study it!

“What do you think about when you have nothing else to think about?”

The answer will show you your affections and possibly your idolatries

To be in Christ, to be hidden in Christ, means you are completely safe and secure

He represents you before the Father

He covers your sin, your shame, your weakness

Beginning the journey of union with Christ is by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus alone.

Receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord