Rooted in Christ: A Study in Colossians Powerful Prepositions: Union With Christ

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"The first thing to be attended to is, that so long as we are without Christ and separated from him, nothing which he suffered and did for the salvation of the human race is of the least benefit to us. To communicate to us the blessings which he received from the Father, he must become ours and dwell in us."

— John Calvin's Institutes, Book III. Ch. 1. Sec 1

Union with Christ: Mutual Relationship of Spiritual Indwelling

1. Christ is _____ us.

2. We are _____ Christ.

Three Aspects of our Union with Christ

1. **Eternity:** The ______ of our union with Christ originate in eternity past at our election by the Father. (Eph. 1:3-4)

2. **Past:** The ______ of our union with Christ is in the redemptive work of Christ. (Col. 2:12-15)

3. **Present:** The ______ of our union with Christ comes about by means of the Holy Spirit throughout history.

(Rom. 16:7, 8:9-11; Col. 1:13, 21-22, 2:13, 3:3-4)