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:: Summary

Every aspect of your relationship to God is in some way connected to your relationship with Christ. As theologian Wayne Grudem notes, *“From God’s counsels in eternity past before the world was created, to our fellowship with God in heaven in eternity future, and including every aspect of our relationship with God in this life—all has occurred in union with Christ.”* Being united with Christ means as a believer you are in a multi-dimensional relationship where you receive and experience all the benefits of salvation. And your union with Christ extends from the election of God the Father before the foundation of the world to your future eternal glory as a child of God. This means God thought of you as united in his Son in eternity past; in the life, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus; and in your new and everlasting life now.

:: Share

Share a story of a group, event or team in which you took an integral part. How were you united with other people in that situation?

:: Explore and Discuss | Ephesians 1:3-14 and Notes

Read Ephesians 1:3-14. There are 11 times where the phrase “in Christ” or something similar is used. Identify as many as you can and indicate whether the occurrence relates to the past, present, future or all three.

Which phrase stands out to you most right now? Why is it meaningful for you?

Read Romans 6:1-11. What is the text affirming about you being in Christ during his time on earth?

:: Apply it to Your Life

If you are truly in Christ from eternity past to your future glorification, what are the powerful implications of this truth for the way you live life here on earth?

What obligations does unity in Christ create for your everyday participation in the body of Christ?



:: Pray

I thank you Heavenly Father that by your grace and eternal plan I am united with your Son so that in the deepest way possible, I share in his life, death and resurrection. Thank you that I am now also united with all other believers in the family of God. In all that I do, may I live for your glory. Amen.

