

Union with Christ

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Review

Becoming a Christian is bigger than we ever anticipated because, at conversion, we were believing not only on Christ but into Christ, into union and communion with Him. And now, every spiritual blessing is ours in Christ (Eph 1:3)

Part 8: Set Free from Sin

Last week we began a 5-part review of Romans 6:1-14. Paul begins with an emotional response (6:1-2)

- “He is saying, ‘God forbid that anyone united to Christ would ever think of going back to live in sin.’”

Then goes on to give a theological explanation (6:3-4)

- “Paul responds this way because we have a new name, are part of a new family, so we reflect the family lifestyle.”

Followed by a detailed exposition (Rom 6:5-10). Why NOT go on sinning?

- Because our old self was crucified with Christ
- In order that the body of sin would be brought to nothing
- That we would be delivered from the reign of sin (see also Rom 6:18)
 - A double cure. Freed from sin’s guilt AND sin’s dominion (though not yet from sin’s presence)

From these certain implications follow (6:11)

- We believe this because it’s true, whether we feel it or not

“Christian, what do you believe about yourself?” – Dr. Sinclair Ferguson

He concludes with a series of powerful exhortations (6:12-14)

- Because of the greatness of God in the Gospel, Paul can release upon us the most demanding imperatives imaginable