

Union with Christ

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Part 3: “Dimensions of Our Union”

Review

The Apostle Paul most often referred to believers as those who are “in Christ.” (Rom 8:1; 2 Cor 5:17; Gal 3:26 etc.). It is presupposed in everything he says about living the Christian life.

*“Those who are **in Christ** live life out of the resources that are ours because from eternity to eternity we are united to our Lord Jesus Christ.” – Dr. Sinclair Ferguson*

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Our tendency is to divorce the blessings of the Gospel from the person of the Gospel

- We often think of these blessings like a link on a chain: election, regeneration, conversion, justification, sanctification, perseverance, then glory
- But although we may experience them progressively, once we are in Christ all these blessings are ours already (Eph 1:3)

Our union with Christ is the reality that undergirds all the blessings of the Gospel

- If we are to have them, we must have Christ
- If we are to enjoy them, we must know they are found in Christ

Our union with Christ is the motivation for living a life of faithfulness

- We take Jesus with us, even into our darkest area of sin (1 Cor 6:16-20)

Our union with Christ is much bigger than we ever imagined

- Because it is rooted in God’s eternal purposes ((Eph 1:4-5)
- Because it is grounded in the incarnation (Jn 1:14; Heb 4:14-16)
- Because it is grounded in our bonding ourselves to Him by faith (2 Cor 5:17)

*“When you are in Christ you have taken a step into a new world order, where everything is different.”
– Dr. Sinclair Ferguson*