

Union with Christ

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Union with Christ: How does it “work?”

Bifurcation Model

- We must distinguish between two different ways in which we are united with Christ: forensic (legal) and vital (spiritual)

Pneumatological Communion (or Pneumatological Realism)

- Despite being mystical, our union with Christ is realistic, not metaphorical or analogical.
- The indwelling of the Holy Spirit accomplishes union with Christ—the resurrected Christ functions through the Holy Spirit in the believer.
- Union with Christ is the basis for all the blessings of salvation, including justification, sanctification, resurrection etc.

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