

Review / Introduction

I. The Importance of the Doctrine Of Union With Christ...

A. It is by the operation of God...

B. It is a union of life...

C. It is pictured in baptism... Romans 6:1ff

D. It is with the personal, risen, living, omnipresent Lord... Romans 6:11 cf. 8:1; Ephesians 1:4; 2:13

E. It is the central truth of all theology and of all religion... Ephesians 2:4-7

II. The Bible Presents this Truth...

A. Figuratively by a...

1. Building and its foundation... *Ephesians 2 20-22; Colossians 2:7; I Peter 2:4-5 (Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 28:16)*

2. Husband and wife... *Romans 7:4; II Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:31-32*

3. A vine and the branches... *John 15:1-10; Colossians 2:6-7*

4. Members and the head... *I Corinthians 6:15, 19; 12:12 cf. Ephesians 1:22, 23; 4:15-16*

5. The human race with Adam... *Romans 5: 12, 21; I Corinthians 15: 22, 45, 49*

B. Direct Statements...

1. The believer is said to be "in Christ..." *John 14:20; Romans 8:1; II Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 1:4, 2:13...*

2. Christ is said to be in the believer... *John 14:20; Romans 8:9-10; Galatians 2:20*

cf. I Corinthians 10:16...

3. The Father and the Son dwell in the believer... *John 14:10, 23*

4. The believer has life by partaking of Christ... *John 6:53, 56, 57; I Corinthians 10:16-17*

5. All believers are one "in Christ..." *John 17:21-23*

6. The believer is made partaker of the Divine nature... *II Peter 1:4*

7. The believer is made one spirit with the Lord... *I Corinthians 6:17, 19*

Next time: The Nature of Union with Christ