

UNION WITH CHRIST

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Ephesians 1:3

English Standard Version (ESV)

*3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us... **in Christ** ...*

WHAT IS UNION WITH CHRIST?

There are many _____ in the bible to describe the _____ of our union with Christ: _____/_____ (John 15:1–17), _____ (Romans 8:14–17), _____ (Ephesians 5:23–32), _____/building (Ephesians 2:21–22), _____ (1 Corinthians 12:12–27), and _____/put on/put off (Ephesians 4:22–24).

Union with Christ can be summarized using four words: it is the reality of our _____, _____, _____, and _____ with Christ.¹

Union with Christ means that God UNITED us to Jesus through faith, so that we can PARTICIPATE in all He has accomplished, IDENTIFY with His kingdom and rule, and INCORPORATE into His body, His people.

ARE IMPORTANT

A preposition is a word that shows how nouns are related to other parts of the sentence.

At least five prepositional phrases come together to help us understand Union with Christ:

1) “_____ Christ”

2 Corinthians 5:17: *If anyone is **in Christ**, he is a new creation.*

Romans 8:1: *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are **in Christ Jesus**.*

2) “_____ Christ”

Romans 6:8: *If we have died **with Christ**, we believe that we will also live **with him**.*

Ephesians 2:5: *God... made us alive together **with Christ**... and raised us up **with him** and seated us **with him** in the heavenly places **in Christ Jesus***

3) “_____ Christ”

Romans 5:1: *since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God **through our Lord Jesus Christ**.*

Ephesians 1:5: *he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons **through Jesus Christ**.*

4) “_____ / _____ Christ”

Romans 6:3: *...all of us who have been baptized **into Christ Jesus** were baptized **into his death***

Galatians 3:27: *For as many of you as were baptized **into Christ** have put on Christ.*

5) “_____ Christ”

Romans 8:9: *Anyone who does not have the Spirit **of Christ** does not belong **to him**.*

Ephesians 2:13: *...**in Christ Jesus** you who once were far off have been brought near **by the blood of Christ**.*

¹ A great resource for learning more about Union with Christ is *Paul and Union With Christ: An Exegetical and Theological Study* by Constantine R. Campbell. This can be ordered through our bookstore.

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God joined us to Christ by _____. Now, our lives are connected to and depend on Jesus forever.

Galatians 2:20: *I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

Romans 6:5: *If we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.*

Ephesians 1:3-4: *3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he [GOD] chose us in him [Christ] before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.*

Colossians 2:6-7: *As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him.*

Application: _____ in Christ! Resolve, by faith in Christ, to increase dependence and connection to Christ.

PARTICIPATION WITH CHRIST

Believers share in _____ that Christ experienced: _____, resurrection, ascension, and glory.

Romans 6:3-5: *all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death... so that we might also walk in newness of life.*

Colossians 3:1-3: *If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

Ephesians 2:5-6: *4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive [resurrection] together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up [ascension] with him and seated us [glorification] with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 3:10: *That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.*

Application: _____! Resolve, by faith in Christ, to put off your old self and put on your new self, daily.

IDENTIFICATION WITH CHRIST

Believers are _____ Christ's lordship and belong to His realm; He is the CENTER of our identity and allegiance.

Ephesians 2:10: *we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

Galatians 5:24: *24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

Romans 14:8: *8 For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.*

Application: LIVE AND DIE FOR CHRIST! Resolve, by faith in Christ, to make every moment in your life about CHRIST.

INCORPORATION WITH CHRIST

Believers are part of Christ's _____; we are joined to Him and His people forever.

Romans 12:5: *we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.*

Galatians 3:28: *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Application: ENJOY HIS PEOPLE! Resolve, by faith in Christ, to see the Church as your _____, spiritual family.