

UNION WITH CHRIST

EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING "IN CHRIST"

"God has blessed us **in Christ** with every spiritual blessing." (Eph. 1:3).
"Because of God you are **in Christ Jesus**, who **became to us** wisdom from God,
righteousness and sanctification and redemption" (1 Cor. 1:30).

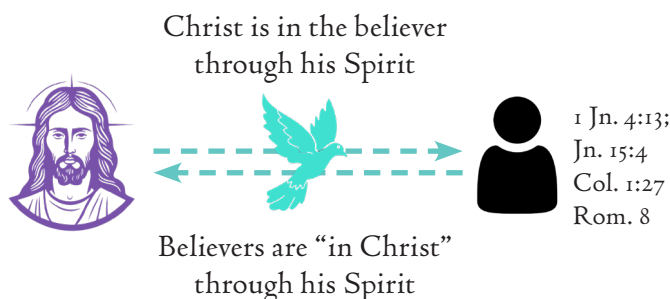


Metaphor of a Husband & Wife

As husband and wife
become "one flesh,"
Christ and his Bride
the Church become
"one spirit." (Eph. 5;
1 Cor. 6:17)

"Union with Christ
is really the central
truth of the whole
doctrine of salvation."
(John Murray)

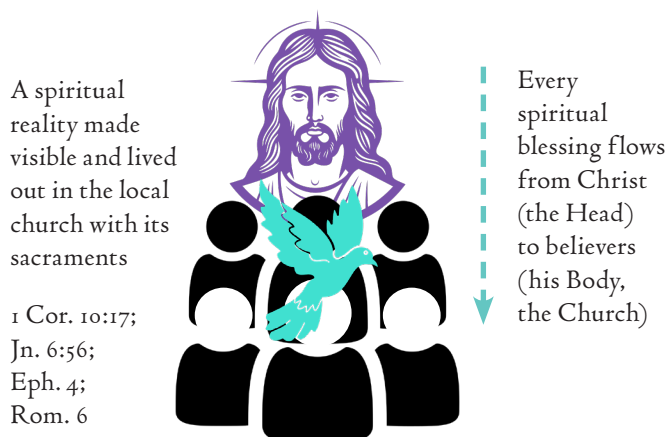
MUTUAL INDWELLING



Metaphor of the Head & Body

As the members (parts)
of the human body are
connected to one another
and hold together in
the human head, the
members of Christ's
Body the Church are
united by their common
union with Christ the
Head of the Church.
(1 Cor. 12; Rom. 12;
Eph. 4)

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Metaphor of the Vine & Branches

As life flows from the
vine to the branches,
spiritual life flows from
Christ to believers who
are grafted into him
by the Spirit. (John 15;
Rom. 11)

If God unites us with...

1. The only begotten Son of God (Jn. 3:16; 1 Jn. 4:9)
2. The Righteous One (Mt. 3:15; Rom. 5)
3. The Holy One of God (Jn. 6:69; 17:19)
4. The Incarnate God (Col. 1:19; 2:9)
5. The Chosen/Elect One (Lk. 9:35)
6. The Christ/Anointed One: Prophet, Priest, and King (Acts 4:26; Lk. 4:18)
7. The Seed of Abraham (Gal. 3:16), the True Israel (Mt. 2:15; cf. Hos. 11:1)
8. The one in whom all treasures are hidden (Col. 2:3)

Then we are...

1. Adopted as sons of God (Eph. 1:5; Jn. 1:12)
2. Justified/accounted righteous (1 Cor. 1:30; Rom. 8:1)
3. Sanctified/saints (holy ones) (1 Cor. 1:30)
4. Partakers in the divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4)
5. Chosen/elect (Eph. 1:4; 1 Pet. 2:9)
6. Christians, anointed ones (1 Jn. 2:20; 2 Cor. 1:21), a royal priesthood, prophetic people (1 Pet. 2:9)
7. Sons of Abraham (Gal. 3:29), circumcised (Col. 2:11; Rom. 2:29), the Israel of God (Gal. 6:16; Rom. 11)
8. Blessed with every spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3)

"We regard all these privileges as one in our union with Christ,
in whom we are complete." (William Burt Pope)