



# UNION WITH CHRIST

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## EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING IN HIM

“Union with Christ is really the central truth of the whole doctrine of salvation.”

(John Murray)

### MUTUAL INDWELLING



Christ is in the believer through his Spirit



Believers are in Christ by the Spirit



1 Jn. 4:13;  
Jn. 15:4  
Col. 1:27  
Rom. 8



### Metaphor of a Husband and Wife

As husband and wife become “one flesh,” Christ and his Bride the Church become “one spirit.”

(Eph. 5; 1 Cor. 6:17)



### Metaphor of the Head and 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)

### EVERY BLESSING “IN CHRIST”

A spiritual reality made visible and lived out in the local church with its sacraments

1 Cor. 10:17;  
Jn. 6:56;  
Eph. 4;  
Rom. 6



Every spiritual blessing flows from Christ (the Head) to believers (his Body, the Church)



### Metaphor of the Vine and 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)

“Because of God you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption. (1 Cor. 1:30)

“God has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. (Eph. 1:3)

If God unites us with...



(by the Spirit)



then we are...



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| 1. The only Son of God (Jn. 3:16; 1 Jn. 4:9)                                  | -----> | 1. Adopted as sons of God (Eph. 1:5; Jn. 1:12)  |
| 2. The Righteous One (Mt. 3:15; Rom. 5)                                       | -----> | 2. Justified (accounted righteous) (1 Cor. 1:30; Rom. 8:1)  |
| 3. The Holy One of God (Jn. 6:69; 17:19)                                      | -----> | 3. Sanctified/saints (holy ones) (1 Cor. 1:30)  |
| 4. The Divine Son of God (Col. 1:19; 2:9)                                     | -----> | 4. Partakers in the divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4)  |
| 5. The Chosen/Elect One (Lk. 9:35)  | -----> | 5. Chosen/elect (Eph. 1:4; 1 Pet. 2:9)  |
| 6. The Seed of Abraham (Gal. 3:16), the True Israel (Mt. 2:15; cf. Hos. 11:1) | -----> | 6. Sons of Abraham (Gal. 3:29), circumcised (Col. 2:11; Rom. 2:29), the Israel of God (Gal. 6:16; Rom. 11). |
| 7. The Christ/Anointed One (Acts 4:26; Lk. 4:18)                              | -----> | 7. Christians, anointed ones (1 Jn. 2:20; 2 Cor. 1:21)  |
| 8. The Anointed Prophet, Priest, and King                                     | -----> | 8. A royal priesthood, prophetic people (1 Pet. 2:9)  |
| 9. The Crucified, Buried, and Risen One                                       | -----> | 9. Dead to sin, raised to newness of life, to be raised bodily (Rom. 6; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 2:6; Rom. 8:11)     |
| 10. The All in All, the One in Whom All Treasures Are Hidden (Col. 2:3)       | -----> | 10. 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.” (W. B. Pope)