

Series: Systematic Theology Part 3  
Title: Union with Christ  
Purpose: To examine what it means to be in Christ or united with Christ  
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- I. We are in Christ
  - A. In God's eternal plan
  - B. During Christ's life on earth
  - C. During our lives now
    - 1. Dying and rising with Christ
    - 2. New life in Christ
    - 3. All our actions can be done in Christ
    - 4. One body in Christ
- II. Christ is in us
  - A. Galatians 2:20 - I no longer live but Christ lives in me
  - B. Colossians 1:27 - Christ lives in you
  - C. Not an idea but a reality - Ephesians 3:17
  - D. The source of our strength - 1 John 4:4
  - E. Destroys our pride - Galatians 2:20; Romans 15:18
- III. We are like Christ
  - A. Be imitators - 1 Corinthians 11:1
  - B. Love like Jesus - Ephesians 5:25
  - C. Forgive - Colossians 3:13
  - D. Run our race - Hebrews 12:1-2
  - E. Imitate does not mean mere mimicking
    - 1. When we act like Christ, we become like Christ
    - 2. Mature - Ephesians 4:13, 15
    - 3. Changed - 2 Corinthians 3:18
    - 4. Be like Him - 1 John 3:2
    - 5. Never become Him, just become more like Him
- IV. We are with Christ
  - A. Personal fellowship with Christ
    - 1. Matthew 18:20 - 2-3 I am with them
    - 2. Matthew 28:20 - with you always
    - 3. John 17:24 - He wants to have fellowship with us
    - 4. Fellowship with Him brings us into fellowship with others - 1 John 1:3
  - B. Union with the Father and with the Holy Spirit
    - 1. We are in the Father, the Father is in us
    - 2. We are in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit is in us

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