

Union with Christ

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“But faith must be taught correctly, namely that by it you are so cemented to Christ that He and you are as one person, which cannot be separated but remains attached to Him forever and declares: ‘I am as Christ.’ And Christ, in turn, says: ‘I am as the sinner who is attached to Me and I to him. For by faith we are joined together into one flesh and bone.’”

—Martin Luther

Baker's Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology

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“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

John 15:4-5 NKJV

Revised Definition:

[Union with Christ] is the present experience of the risen Christ indwelling the believer and the believer *abiding* in the risen Christ, by the agency of the Holy Spirit.

“Mystery speaks of a reality that can be apprehended, pointed to, and described, but never explained, let alone explained away.”

Marcus Peter Johnson
One with Christ

In Him 89 – NT (55-John, 24-Paul)

In Christ (Jesus) 85 – NT (82-Paul)

In the Lord 44 – NT (42-Paul)

In Me 12 – NT (excl. believe)

In Us 9 – NT

In Whom 4 – NT

243 Total

“In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.”

Colossians 2:11-12 NKJV

“... just as He (the Father) chose us in Him
(Christ Jesus) before the foundation of the
world, that we should be holy and without
blame before Him in love...”

Ephesians 1:4 NKJV

“Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:”

Jude 1:1 NKJV

“Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.”

Colossians 1:28 NKJV

Vines and Branches Metaphor:

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Husband and Wife Metaphor:

“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.”

Ephesians 5:31-32 NKJV

The Chief Cornerstone Metaphor:

“having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”

Ephesians 2:20-22 NKJV

The Body Metaphor:

“For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.”

1 Corinthians 12:12 NKJV

“What a remarkable commendation is here bestowed on faith, that, by means of it, the Son of God becomes our own, and ‘makes His abode with us!’ By faith we not only acknowledge that Christ suffered and rose from the dead on our account, but, accepting the offers which He makes of Himself, we possess and enjoy Him as our Saviour.”

—John Calvin

“For that which He has not assumed He has not healed; but that which is united to His Godhead is also saved.”

—Gregory of Nazianzus

“Whence it must needs follow
that you cannot be condemned,
 except Christ be condemned with you;
neither can Christ be saved,
 except you be saved with Him.”

—Edward Fisher

excerpted from *The Marrow of Divinity*

Application in My Life Today

Redemption in Christ	Romans 3:24
Justified in Christ	Romans 3:24
Buried with Him	Romans 6:4
Alive in Christ	Romans 6:11
Eternal Life in Christ	Romans 6:23
No Condemnation in Christ	Romans 8:1
Free in Christ	Romans 8:2
Inseparable Love in Christ	Romans 8:39
Approved in Christ	Romans 16:10

Sanctified in Christ	1 Corinthians 1:2
Wise in Christ	1 Corinthians 4:10
Established in Christ	2 Corinthians 1:21
Victors in Christ	2 Corinthians 2:14
A New Creation in Christ	2 Corinthians 5:17
Righteous in Him	2 Corinthians 5:21
Liberty in Christ	Galatians 2:4
Every Spiritual Blessing	Ephesians 1:3
Chosen in Him	Ephesians 1:4
Adopted by/to Christ	Ephesians 1:5
Rich in Grace in Christ	Ephesians 2:7

Forgiven in Christ

Ephesians 4:32

Strong in Grace in Christ

2 Timothy 2:1

Saved in Christ

2 Timothy 2:10

Bold in Christ

Philemon 1:8

Prisoner in Christ

Philemon 1:23

Preserved in Christ

Jude 1:1

Consoled in Christ

Philippians 2:1

Perfect in Christ

Colossians 1:28

Have an Inheritance in Him

Ephesians 1:11

Walk in Him

Colossians 2:6

Abide in Him

John 15:4-5

Our Hope is in Him

John 3:3

Strong in the Lord!

Ephesians 6:10

Complete in Him

Colossians 2:10

This should cause us to:

WORSHIP HIM

LOVE HIM

CHERISH HIM

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