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LESSON 43: UNION WITH CHRIST

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who 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. (Galatians 2:20)

- John 14:1-23

I. The Nature of Our Union With Christ

- A. Divinely initiated, not humanly initiated (Ephesians 1:3-6; Revelation 13:8)
- B. Spiritual, not material (1 Corinthians 6:15-20; 2 Peter 1:3-4)
- C. Maintaining of personhood, not absorbing (Galatians 2:20)
- D. Actual, not conceptual (Ephesians 2:18-22; 2 Corinthians 5:17)
- E. Mysterious, not fully comprehensible (Ephesians 5:29-32)
- F. Life-giving, not mechanical (John 14:19-20; Galatians 2:20)
- G. Symbiotic, not unilateral (Ephesians 4:15-16; 5:32-33)
- H. Direct, not indirect (John 17:20-23)
- I. Comprehensive, not partial (Colossians 2:20-3:4)
- J. Abiding, not transient (John 15:1-11)
- K. Secure, not vulnerable (Colossians 3:4; Romans 8:38-39; Ephesians 2:5-6)
- L. Permanent, not temporal (Ephesians 2:4-7)

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II. The Results of Our Union With Christ

- A. Life (Galatians 2:20)
- B. Faith (Galatians 2:20)
- C. Imputation (Galatians 2:20)
- D. Justification (Romans 5:18-25)
- E. Adoption (John 14:18; Ephesians 1:3-6)
- F. Sanctification (2 Corinthians 3:18; Romans 6)
- G. The Church (Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 5:22-32)
- H. Unity with God and others (John 17:22-23)
- I. Communion

III. The Proper Response to Our Union With Christ

- A. Submission, which leads to willing and happy obedience (Ephesians 5:22-24)
- B. Grieving sin, which leads to repentance (Psalm 51:3-12)
- C. Joy, which leads to rejoicing (1 John 1:3-5)
- D. Comfort, which leads to peace and patience (John 14:15-20)
- E. Holy fear, which leads to holiness (1 Corinthians 6:15-20)