

Union with Christ: Ephesians 2:1-10

Why are we studying Union with Christ?

What is Union with Christ?

"Union with Christ means you are in Christ and Christ is in you"

"When we are in Christ, every part of Christ's life, not only his death, has significance for us. We share in his life and obedience, his death and his resurrection, even his ascension! We participate in another's victory. All that is his becomes ours. 4 How can such things be? God in Christ assumed our full humanity to heal our full humanity. He came all the way down to blaze a trail all the way back—for us to live in the presence of God. This means our union with Christ is rooted and grounded in Christ's union with us in the incarnation. And so Charles Wesley's words in the old hymn may now come into sharp focus: "Made like him, like him we rise; ours the cross, the grave, the skies!" 5 Alleluia!" -Rankin Wilbourne

"Union with Christ touches on the highest and most profound truths of the gospel and at the same time reaches down into the depths of the human heart to fill us with more joy and hope, more comfort and strength than anything else ever could...He covers you, he shields you, he represents you before the Father. He also fills you, illuminates you, and animates you, making you more yourself and more human than you could ever be on your own.. "

Why is union with Christ necessary?

- Following the course of this world

- Following the prince of the power of the air

- Living in the power of the flesh

Discussion around the table: Write down a few thoughts about who you were apart from Christ. Lock in on one of the three areas Paul lists in Ephesians 2.

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1. Raised together with Christ

2. Seated with Him in the heavenly places
