

“Advent 2016 – Part 3: God is IN Us”

Your problem is not your problem! The problem is that the Christian life is not just _____ to live – it’s _____ to live!

- **Jesus is _____ us to live the Christian life _____ us.** (Jn. 14:20; 17:23; Rom. 8:10; 15:18-19; 1 Cor. 3:16; 2 Cor. 13:5; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 2:22; 3:16-17; Col. 1:27; 3:1-4; 2 Tim. 1:14; 1 Jn. 3:24)

I. _____ (this portion of the outline adapted from: “*Systematic Theology: an introduction to biblical doctrine*,” by Wayne Grudem, pp. 840–850). “**Union with Christ**”

A. We are _____ Christ

- 1. In God’s Eternal Plan** (Eph. 1:4; 2 Tim. 1:9)
- 2. During Christ’s Life on Earth** (Rom. 5:19; 1 Cor. 1:30; Phil. 3:9; 2 Cor. 5:21; Is. 53:6; 1 Pet. 2:24; Rom. 4:25; 1 Cor. 15:3; Col. 2:14; Heb. 9:28; Rom. 6:6; Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 5:14; Rom. 6:4-5, 8; 7:4; Col. 1:22; 2:12, 20; 3:3; 2 Tim. 2:11; Eph. 2:6; Rom. 6:4-11; 1 Cor. 15:22; Col. 2:12-13; 1 Pet. 1:3-5; Col. 3:3-4; Eph. 1:3)
- 3. During Our Lives Now**
 - a. Dying and rising with Christ** (Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:4ff; 7:6; Gal. 2:20; 5:24; 6:14; Col. 2:20; 3:1-3; 2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Pet. 1:3; 2:24)
 - b. New Life in Christ** (1 Jn. 5:11; 1 Tim. 1:14; 2 Tim. 1:1, 13; 2:1, 10; Col. 2:3; Phil. 4:19; 1 Cor. 1:30; Eph. 1:3; 2:10; 1 Cor. 7:22; Rom. 8:1; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 2:17; Eph. 1:7; Phil. 3:9; Col. 1:14; 1 Thess. 4:16; Rev. 4:13; 1 Cor. 15:22)
 - c. All Our Actions Can Be Done in Christ** (Rom. 9:1; 2 Cor. 2:17; 12:19; Rom. 15:17; 1 Cor. 15:31; 1 Cor. 4:17; Phil. 2:19; 4:10; 1 Thess. 4:1; 2 Thess. 3:12; Philemon 8; Phil. 4:13; 1 Cor. 15:58; Eph. 6:1, 10; Phil. 2:1; 3:1; 4:4; 1 Thess. 3:8; 2 Tim. 3:12; 1 Pet. 3:16; Rom. 16:10, 12; Col. 1:28; 2:6-7; 1 Jn. 2:28; 3:6, 24; Jn. 15:5)
 - d. One Body in Christ** (Eph. 5:23; Rom. 12:5; 1 Cor. 10:17; 12:12-27; 7:39; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:13-22; Gal. 1:22; 1 Thess. 2:14; Eph. 5:25-32; 1 Cor. 6:17; 1 Pet. 2:4-5; Jn. 17:21)

B. Christ is _____ us (Jn. 15:5; Gal. 2:20; Rom. 8:10; 15:18; 2 Cor. 13:5; Col. 1:27; Eph. 3:17; Phil. 4:13; 1 Jn. 4:4; Mt. 25:40; 1 Jn. 3:24)

C. We are _____ Christ (1 Cor. 11:1; 1 Jn. 2:6; Phil. 1:20; Rom. 15:7; Eph. 5:25; Col. 3:13; 1 Jn. 3:16; Heb. 13:2; Eph. 5:2; Phil. 2:5-11; 1 Thess. 1:6; 1 Jn. 3:7; 4:17; Heb. 6:6; 1 Pet. 2:21; Phil. 3:10; 2 Cor. 1:5; 4:8-11; Heb. 12:3; 1 Pet. 4:13; Rom. 8:17; James 1:2-4; Heb. 5:8-9; 2:18; 4:15-16; 12:11; Rev. 3:21; Eph. 4:13, 15; 2 Cor. 3:18; Rom. 8:29; 1 Cor. 15:49; 1 Jn. 3:2; 2 Thess. 1:10-12; Jn. 17:10; 1 Cor. 13:12; Rev. 22:3-5; Mt. 10:39; Jn. 10:3; Rev. 2:17; Ps. 37:4)

D. We are _____ Christ

- 1. Personal Fellowship With Christ** (Mt. 18:20; 28:20; Jn. 16:7; 17:11; Acts 1:9-11; 2 Cor. 6:1; Phil. 3:8, 10; 2 Thess. 2:16-17; Mt. 11:29; 2 Cor. 2:10; 1 Tim. 5:21; 6:13-14; 2 Tim. 4:1; 1 Cor. 1:9; 2 Thess. 3:16; 2 Tim. 4:22; Heb. 12:22-24; 1 Jn. 1:3; Heb. 9:24; 4:16; Jn. 17:24)

2. **Union With the Father and With the Holy Spirit** (Jn. 17:21; 1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:1; 1 Jn. 2:24; 4:15f; 5:20; Rom. 8:9, 11; 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19; 2 Tim. 1:14; Jn. 14:23; 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19; 2 Tim. 1:14; Mt. 5:44f, 48; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:10; 1 Pet. 1:15f; Rom. 8:4-6; Gal. 5:22f; Jn. 16:13; 1 Jn. 1:3; Mt. 6:9; 2 Cor. 6:16-18; rom. 8:16; Acts 15:28; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 4:30)

II.

A. **Corporately** (Rev. 1-3; Rom. 12:5; 1 Cor. 12:12-27; Eph. 3:6; 5:23; Col. 1:18, 24; 1 Tim. 5:21; 2 Tim. 2:14; 4:1)

B. Personally

1. _____ (Ps. 23; Prov. 3:5-6; Rom. 8)
2. _____ (Eph. 3:14-21; Phil. 4:13; Col. 1:9-12)
3. _____ (1 Cor. 1:3-9; 6:15-20; 1 Thess. 3:11-13; 1 Pet. 1:13-16)
4. _____ (Gal. 5:22-23; Rom. 8:28-30)

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Discussion & Application:

1. We have been united with Jesus Christ from eternity past when God chose us until eternity future when we will be with Him in heaven. How does that truth impact the way you think about your life right now? Perspective? Priorities? Confidence / encouragement toward the future?
2. How does union with Christ impact your motives for what you do? What difference would it make if you thought of doing your daily work “in Christ” and with “Christ in you”? What about conversations?
3. If all believers are in Christ and Christ is in all believers, how should that impact our love for and fellowship with one another? How should that impact our desire to gather together frequently in the church?
4. What is Jesus Christ wanting to do in you and through you right now? (Gal. 2:20; Rom. 8:28-30) Be specific as to particular areas of growth / change.
5. How confident are you that Jesus Christ is leading you every moment of every day? According to Prov. 3:5-6 what is your part in that?
6. If the power of Jesus is available to us all the time, why don't we always experience it? Why did Paul pray that people would experience it? What part does prayer play in us experiencing God's power?
7. Has there ever been a time in your life when you sensed an especially close personal fellowship with Jesus? What were those times like? Was there anything you did that helped foster that kind of close fellowship? What can you do now to grow closer to Him daily?
8. Memorize Gal. 2:20 and repeat it to yourself several times each day. Then give praise to God that He is IN you and is living THROUGH you!

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