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I. Union with Christ

A. The Nature of the Union

- The New Testament scriptures present direct statements concerning the union with Christ.

Scripture John 14:20 (ESV)

In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

Scripture Romans 6:11 (ESV)

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- The union is not a mystical union.
- The union is not a moral union.
- It is a spiritual union.

Scripture 1 Corinthians 6:17 (ESV)

But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

- It is a vital union for the believer.

Scripture Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

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.

B. The Method of the Union

- The union originated in the purpose and plan of God.
- It begins in Christians when we were made alive together with Christ.

Scripture Ephesians 2:5 (ESV)

even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

C. The Consequences of the Union

- The union with Christ means eternal security for the believer.
- The union with Christ means fruitfulness.
- The union with Christ means endowment for service.

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- The union with Christ means fellowship with Christ.

II. Adoption

A. Definition of Adoption

- Adoption is an act of God whereby he makes us a member of his family.
- Adoption has to do with a change in the believer's position.

B. The Time of Adoption

- Adoption was an act in eternity past.

Scripture Ephesians 1:5 (ESV)

he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

- Adoption becomes true for a believer at the time of salvation.
- The full realization of adoption will take place at his second coming.

C. The Results of Adoption

- Adoption delivers believers from the Law.

Scripture Romans 8:15 (ESV)

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

- Adoption provides a believer with the Holy Spirit.