Union with Christ

We receive all the benefits and blessings of salvation through union with Christ (Ephesians 1:3-14). Scripture provides a number of metaphors of our union with Him, but none is more powerful than the one we find in John 6.

**1. The *metaphor* of our union—**

**feeding on His *sacrifice***

**2. The *means* of our union—**

**faith in the *Savior***

**3. The *maker* of our union—**

**Jesus by His word and *Spirit***

**4. The *maintenance* of our union—**

**fellowship in the *Supper***

1 Corinthians 10:16-22

**Application:** For the believer,union with Christ

A. Is established at *conversion*

B. Is growing in the *present*

C. Is the goal of our *future*

**For Private Meditation or Family Discussion**

1. How did the Lord speak to you through the message? Did He put His finger on any habits or attitudes that you need to change? Did He encourage you regarding some difficulty, move you to undertake some new challenge, or open your heart to some truth you hadn’t seen before?

2. What benefits and blessings flow from union with Christ (being “in Christ”) in Ephesians 1:3-14?

3. What do you learn about abiding in Christ from the following verses?

John 14:15-17

John 15:4-11

1 John 2:4-6

1 John 2:23-24

1 John 3:23-24

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1 John 4:12-16

4. How does God use the Lord’s Supper to strengthen and refresh our union with Christ?

“If you ask me, then, whether he is speaking of the Eucharist here, I should say, ‘No.’ If you ask me where I can learn the meaning of the eucharist, I should say, ‘Nowhere so well as here’” (F. D. Maurice, quoted by Leon Morris).

“Figuratively he [Christ] is in the bread and wine, and spiritually he is in them that worthily eat and drink the bread and wine; but really, carnally, and corporally he is only in heaven, from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead” (Archbishop Cranmer, quoted by D. A. Carson).