

Our Union With Christ

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of union with Christ as the source of spiritual power and the key to obtaining spiritual blessings.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:4, Colossians 2:10-11, Colossians 3:1-7

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Description

W.H. Griffith Thomas emphasizes the believer's completeness in Christ, highlighting the spiritual power that comes from being united with Him. The union with Christ is depicted through being circumcised, buried, raised, and made alive with Him, emphasizing a deep spiritual fellowship. This union is rooted in faith, connecting us to God for grace and power, and identifying us with Christ in His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension, leading to a spiritual unity that guards against falsehood and guides us in victorious living.

Transcript

"And ye are complete in Him..."

(Col. 2:10).

The emphasis on the words "in Him" (vv. 9-11) very plainly shows that the source of all spiritual power lies in the union of the soul with Christ. But not only so--we are circumcised, and buried, and raised, and made alive "with Him" (vv. 11, 12, 13), suggesting a spiritual fellowship. All this is associated with a definite confidence in God as the object of our trust and as the source of all spiritual blessing. Scripture is very emphatic in regard to the way in which faith links us to God as the means of obtaining grace and power.

Thus at every point Christ and the believer are identified. When our Lord was circumcised, we were circumcised with Him; when our Lord died, we died in Him; when He was buried, we were buried; when He rose, we were raised; and when He was quickened, we were quickened. To these great truths we may add that when He ascended, we ascended; and, as in one of the parallel passages, Ephesians 2:4-6, now that He is at God's right hand we are seated with Him in heavenly places. In this spiritual unity will be found the only guarantee of faithful adherence to what is true and of fearless abhorrence of what is false. This emphasis on the spiritual life as distinct from mere knowledge and even philosophy (v. 8) will be found as potent today as ever. When faced with ideas which under specious guises of one sort or another tend to lead us astray, it is not too much to urge that a careful attention to a passage like this one will do

more than anything else to protect against them. Thus, old errors, which continue to appear in new forms, may be met and vanquished just as in St. Paul's day. Yes, union with Christ affects both thought, the full exercise of mental powers, and action, the translation of thought into redeemed, victorious living.

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