

# OUR UNION WITH CHRIST-

## PART 3





*“The truth to which the New Testament constantly returns is that as Christians we are united to Christ. Union with Christ is the foundation of all our spiritual experience, and all spiritual blessings...*

*All spiritual blessings are in Christ, and it is only as we ourselves, in this Pauline sense, are ‘in Christ’ that we will find the blessings which are ours in Christ becoming realities in our own experience.”*

**Sinclair Ferguson, Union with Christ**





**Two passages which explain our  
vital, spiritual, fruit bearing union  
with Christ — and with God the  
Father**

**John 15:1-11**

**John 17:20-26**





## **John 15:1-11**

**We draw our spiritual life and nourishment from Christ, resulting in love for Christ, joyful obedience, and answered prayer.**





**20 “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.**

**John 17:20–21**


**ESV**





# John 17:21

**Unity among Christians is grounded in the union between the Father and the Son, resulting in the church's spiritual union with Christ and by extension, with the Father and the Holy Spirit.**





**<sup>3</sup> Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him.**

**<sup>4</sup> And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” <sup>5</sup> And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.**

**Acts 9:3–5**


**ESV**





**John 17:23, 26**

**The church's unity and spiritual union with Christ — based on the love that the Father has for the Son — is for the purpose of others coming to know Christ as savior.**





**39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ 40 And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’**

Matthew 25:39–40 ESV

Union between Christ and his church is demonstrated in acts of love

