

It is important to realize that Christ does not come to improve the old self, to guide and redirect it to a better life; he comes to kill us, in order to raise us to newness of life. He is not the friend of the old self, only too happy to be of service. He is its mortal enemy, bent on replacing it with a new self.

All of our righteousness, holiness, redemption, and blessing is found outside of us--in the person and work of Christ. This was the declaration of the Scriptures and, following the sacred text, of the reformers, in the face of a subjective righteousness located in the believer. And yet, as Calvin points out, this "alien righteousness" belonging to someone outside of us would mean nothing if this righteous one remained forever outside of us.

The Christ who has done everything necessary for our salvation in history outside of us now comes to indwell us in the person of his Holy Spirit.

Michael Horton on Union with Christ

This concept of being “in” Christ Jesus has immense practical implications. No matter where you are geographically and physically, what you are spiritually will never change. You may be at work, at play, overseas, under the weather, out of money, but you are always and unchangeably in Christ! You may be down in the dumps, over the hill, or beside yourself, but you are always and unchangeably in Christ! You may be at paradise or in prison, at the movies or in Texas, but you are always and unchangeably in Christ! Your geographical, earthly, physical location has no effect on your spiritual identity.

Sam Storms (Enjoying God Ministries)

What is important about union with Christ for the Christian life? Well, union with Christ *is* the Christian life. It is not some small, particular blessing that might go alongside the key blessings of the gospel. Union with Christ *is* the Christian life.

Michael Reeves

Deeper Real Change for Real Sinners

Lesson

“I have learned to kiss the wave that throws me against the Rock of Ages.” Charles Spurgeon

Despair

The sinfulness of Sin

The supreme contrast

The Great Prerequisite

Collapse

Union

God in Me

The Biblical Evidence

The Macro Dimension

The Micro Dimension

The Umbrella Doctrine

Taking it Deep

Psa 34:18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Rom 3:9 What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, Rom 3:10 as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; Rom 3:11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. Rom 3:12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” Rom 3:13 “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.” “The venom of asps is under their lips.”

Mat 15:14 Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.”

1Jn 2:11 But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

Col 2:12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Col 1:16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

Quotes

To put it simply, if you are in Christ Jesus, God isn't waiting on a future version of you He is going to love more. You are already righteous. For good. Forever. Because you are in the righteous one. You are already beloved. For good. Forever. Because, you are in the Beloved Son. How could this not change everything?

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