

UNION WITH CHRIST

INTRODUCTORY.

THE MEANING OF CHRIST

I. HIS GREATNESS IN THE SCRIPTURES

- HE IS (a) The meaning of all things.
(b) The Heir of all things.
(c) The Idea or Nature of all things.
(d) The final test of all things.

II. HIS PLACE — BY THE LOVE OF THE FATHER

INFINITE DIVINE LOVE THE MOTIVE
AND POWER

This is revealed

- (a) In all the Scriptures
(b) By the opposite of love to all Divine activities
(c) By the Father's demand that the Son be honoured

III. THE GREATNESS OF CHRIST IS SPIRITUAL AND MORAL

- (a) Heaven knows it
(b) Man senses it
(c) Hell attests it by attempted corruption

IT IS IMPLICIT IN : —

- (a) His satisfaction to God
(b) His redemptive work
(c) The Spirit's operations

I. ETERNAL UNION

Eph. i. 4, 5, 11 ; Rom. viii. 28 — 30 ; I Pet. i. 1, 2 ; John xvii. 6, 11.

- (a) The fact governed by the meaning of Christ.
(b) Transcending the fall of man
(c) Enhanced by the redemption of man.

THE HOLY SPIRIT THE CUSTODIAN OF
ETERNAL PURPOSE

The Spirit is

- (a) Eternal (b) Related to purpose
(c) The link with Christ
(d) The earnest of inheritance

II. CREATIONAL AND RACIAL UNION

II Cor. v. 17 ; Eph. ii. 10, iii. 9 ; Gal. vi. 15 ; I Cor. xv. 45 — 49.

- (a) Constituted (b) Conditioned (Probationed)
(c) Cautioned

III. MARITAL UNION

Rom. vii. 4 ; Eph. v. 23, 25, 26 — 32 ; Rev. xix. 7, 9 ; Heb. ii. 13.

- (a) Initial — Legal (b) Final — Spiritual
(c) The vindication of Christ by the Family
— Heavenly

IV. VOCATIONAL UNION

Matt. xvi. 18 ; Heb. iii. 6 ; Eph. ii. 21 ; I Pet. ii. 5.

THE HOUSE OF GOD

- (a) A building (b) A household
(c) A temple (d) A steward (e) An order

V. FUNCTIONAL UNION

Rom. xii. 4, 5 ; I Cor. xii. 12 — 27 ; Eph. i. 23, ii. 16, iv. 4, 12, 16, v. 23, 30 ; Col. i. 18, etc.

THE BODY ; HEAD AND MEMBERS

- (a) Functional constitution and appointment
(b) Functional relatedness ; interrelatedness and interdependence
(c) Functional responsibility (d) Inclusive function
Expressing the Personality — Christ

VI. VITAL AND ORGANIC UNION

I John ii. 29 etc. ; John i. 13, iii. 3, John xv ; I Pet. ii. 2 ; Eph. iv. 15

BIRTH AND GROWTH

- (a) Begotten (b) Born
(c) Growth (1. Christ imparted
2. Christ assimilated
3. Christ known

VII. CONSUMMATED UNION

Rom. viii 17, 19 — 21 ; II Thess. i. 10 ; Rev. xxi. 11.

- (a) Spiritual manifestation — Sons
(b) Physical transfiguration
(c) Corporate expression