

# We Are In Christ!

*Selected Scripture*



## I. The Meaning of the Phrase

### A. What It Does Not Mean

- 1) Does not refer to the natural, non-saving union of all life to the life of God.
- 2) Does not mean the believer possesses all Christ's attributes, including the divine.
- 3) Is not the same as being in the church.
- 4) Is not a mystical experience.

### B. What It Means

- 1) What is a theological definition?
  - Berkhof: "that intimate, vital, and spiritual union between Christ and His people, in virtue of which He is the source of their life and strength, of their blessedness and salvation."
- 2) Why are we in Christ? (1 Cor. 1:30)
- 3) How was it accomplished? (1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:27)

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## II. The Nature of the Union

- A. His Continual Presence
- B. A Special Relationship
- C. A Personal Representative
- D. A Vital Connection
  - 1. A Cornerstone & the building (Eph. 2:19-22; cf. 1 Pet. 2:4-5)
  - 2. A Vine & its branches (John 15:1-6)
  - 3. A Head & its body (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:12-16)



## Understanding our union with Christ...

- 1) Provides security in the gospel.
- 2) Encourages and promotes our sanctification.
- 3) Is crucial in overcoming the power of sin daily.
- 4) Fills us with praise.

