

## **Union with Christ**

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- I. Introduction: Our union with Christ has its origin in the election of God the Father before the foundation of the world **and** has its culmination in the glorification of the children of God. It has two main features: the electing love of God the Father in the counsels of eternity and the glorification (our receiving a resurrected body) with Christ in glory. The former has no beginning and the latter has no end.

- A. Union with Christ is a truth that summarizes several different relationships between believers and Christ through which Christians receive every benefit of salvation. These relationships are:

- 1. We are in Christ
- 2. Christ is in us
- 3. We are like Christ
- 4. We are with Christ

- II. We are in Christ

- A. In God's eternal plan

- B. During Christ's life on earth

C. During our lives now

1. Dying and rising with Christ
2. New life in Christ
3. All our actions are done in Christ
4. We are one body in Christ

III. Christ is in us

IV. We are like Christ

V. We are with Christ