UNION WITH CHRIST: THE MOST BEAUTIFUL RELATIONSHIP IN ALL OF CREATION...

- 1. The roots of union with Christ are in divine election. (Ephesians 1:3-4)
- 2. The *basis* of union with Christ is the redemptive work of Christ.
- 3. The *actual* union with Christ is established with God's people in time.

OUR ACTUAL UNION WITH CHRIST...

- 1. We are initially united with Christ in regeneration. (Ephesians 2:4-5, 10)
- 2. We appropriate and continue to live out of this union through faith.

 (Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 3:16-17)
- 3. We are justified in union with Christ. (1 Corinthians 1:30; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Phiippians 3:8-9)
- 4. We are sanctified through union with Christ. (1 Corinthians 1:30; John 15:4-5; Ephesians 4:16; 2 Corinthians 5:17)

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- 5. We persevere in the life of faith in union with Christ. (John 10:27-28; Romans 8:38-39)
- 6. We are even said to die in Christ. (Romans 14:8; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 14:13)
- 7. We shall be raised with Christ. (Colossians 3:1; 1 Corinthians 15:22)
- 8. We shall be eternally glorified with Christ. (Colossians 3:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

2 CORINTHIANS 13:5

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? — unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING. THEREFORE...

this *doctrine* must lead to *duty*this *belief* must lead to *behaviour*this *truth* must lead to *transformation*