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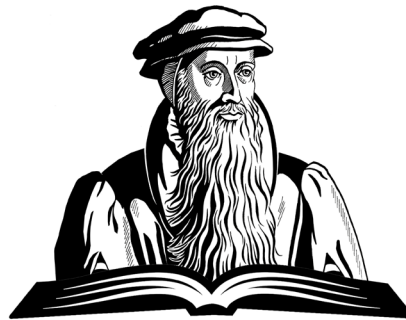
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in 30 Lectures

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Lecture Theme:

God magnifies the Savior by revealing that all the benefits of salvation come through the believer's union with Christ.

Memory Text:

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.”

—Ephesians 1, verse 3.

Structure:

1. Introduction.
2. The importance of union with Christ.
 - a. The definition.
 - b. Two phrases.
3. The meaning of union with Christ.
 - a. Biblical examples.
 - b. The characteristics of this union.
 - c. How are believers united to Christ?
4. The implications of union with Christ.
 - a. Redemption applied by union with Christ.
 - b. Union with Christ provides the basis for communion with Christ.
 - c. Union with Christ connected to two sacraments.
5. Conclusion.

Review Questions:

1. How do we define union with Christ, and understand its meaning? What are two phrases in the New Testament used to describe this union?

2. How did John Calvin speak about the importance of union with Christ?

3. What biblical images does God provide for our understanding of union with Christ?

4. What are the characteristics of union with Christ? Support with Scripture passages.

5. How does the Bible teach us that believers are united to Christ at all points of his activity?

6. What are the two bonds that bring a sinner and Christ together?

7. How does the Bible show the connection between union with Christ and the various blessings of the application of redemption? Try to give some examples.

8. Why do we say that we cannot separate Christ from his benefits?

9. Is it possible that a person thinks he was delivered from hell but there is no evidence of life change? How will you answer him?

10. How do we see that “union with Christ is being connected to both sacraments”? What specifically do these two sacraments signify regarding union with Christ?

Further Applications

1. Find texts which include the phrases “in Christ” and “with Christ” in the New Testament. Meditate on the glorious truth of union with Christ through these texts.

2. The image of a hopeless widow and a prince with limitless resources was used to express union with Christ in the lecture. Did you know that this picture comes from Luther? What are other images you can think of to express union with Christ.
