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Redeemed #21 – Union with Christ Part 2

Saving Work of the Spirit

Graham Cole wrote:

Union with Christ by the Spirit relocates the believer from Adam to Christ. Significantly, our union with Christ by the Spirit not only brings us into relationship to God as Father but also to one another as Christ's body. As John Stott correctly argues, union with Christ is "indispensable to our Christian identity" and is "central to the New Testament gospel." Without the Spirit there is not union with Christ. (Graham Cole, *He Who Gives Life*, p240-241)

Rom. 8:9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. **10** But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. **11** If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

1st - His People

2nd – His Life

Rom. 8:10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Rom. 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Titus 3:4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, **5** he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, **6** whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, **7** so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Ezek. 36:24 I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. **25** I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. **26** And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. **27** And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. **28** You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. **29** And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you.

3rd – His Power

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Ezek. 37:7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. **8** And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. **9** Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” **10** So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

John 3:3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” **4** Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” **5** Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. **6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ **8** The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Job 33:4 The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

Trinitarian Salvation

Anthony Hoekema wrote:

The chief role of the Holy Spirit in the process of our salvation is to make us one with Christ...Hence we are not surprised to find that all the major elements in the process of salvation are ascribed to the Holy Spirit as their author. (Hoekema, *Saved by Grace*, p28-29)

1. The Father

- a. The Father chooses the Elect before time & predestinations all things
- b. The Father works providentially in time & space and through history to bring about all he predestined according to his will
- c. Father sends the Son

2. The Son

- a. The Son comes in the form of man to rescue the Elect from their sin
- b. The Son secures the redemption of the Elect through his righteous obedient life & by dying for our sin, taking the punishment for our sin
- c. The Son takes the Elect’s sins away, he suffers the Elect’s punishment, he purchases the Elect with his blood, he is resurrected for our justification to declare us innocent
- d. The Son intercedes for us with the Father
- e. The Son & Father together send the Spirit as another helper

3. The Holy Spirit

- a. The Holy Spirit comes and lives in the redeemed Elect
- b. The Holy Spirit regenerates the Elect from death to life, giving them faith to believe, new hearts & uniting the redeemed Elect with the Son
- c. The Holy Spirit cleanses & washes them, purifying them, sanctifying
- d. The Holy Spirit imputes Christ’s righteousness upon the redeemed Elect
- e. The Holy Spirit applies all the aspects of salvation to the Elect
- f. The Holy Spirit gives faith & repentance by creating new heart
- g. The Holy Spirit, through union with Christ makes the children of God through adoption
- h. The Holy Spirit testifies to the truth of the Son & Father
- i. The Holy Spirit changes our desires to be the desires of Christ
- j. The Holy Spirit gives assurance of salvation
- k. The Holy Spirit preserves the Elect until the very last day
- l. The Holy Spirit transfers the Elect from this life & this body to our new Resurrected perfected eternal bodies in glory with the Son

Holy Spirit as Guarantee of Our Salvation

2Cor. 1:21 And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, **22** and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

2Cor. 5:4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. **5** He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

Eph. 1:13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Eph. 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Life “United with CHRIST” is living in the Spirit

Rom. 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. **2** For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. **3** For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, **4** in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. **5** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. **6** For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

1John 3:23 And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. **24** Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Gal. 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. **24** And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25** If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Benefits of Union with Christ By the Spirit in the Christian life

1. We know the intimate nature of God's love for his people.
2. The Christian is empowered to live a holy Christ centered life
3. The Christian will exhibit & experience Fruit of the Spirit. It will be obvious that they are being conformed into the image of Christ...their lives will be changed
4. The Holy Spirit within gives the Christian guidance – they will have wisdom and be able to make biblical decisions with discernment
5. The Holy Spirit gives the Christian a conscience by working in our hearts & minds to put weight on us & burden us with right & wrong, dark & light, evil & good
6. The Holy Spirit Illuminates Scripture and reminds us of what Jesus said. We can truly understand scripture because the Holy Spirit makes it clear
7. The Holy Spirit gives us the desire to pray & even helps us in our prayers by interceding and communicating what we can't communicate in words
8. The Christian is united with Christ permanently & thus has Eternal Security