

## Theology Simply Explained — WSC30 “The Spirit Brings Us into Christ”

**Pastor walks his children through Westminster Shorter Catechism question 30—especially explaining how the Spirit’s application to us of Christ’s redemption occurs by His bringing us into union with Christ.**

Q30. How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ? *The Spirit applyeth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.*

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Our shorter. Catechism question this week is How does the spirit apply to us the Redemption purchased by Christ? And the answer is the spirit applyeth to us the Redemption purchased by Christ. By working faith in. And thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling So, we're going to have other.

questions on what effectual calling is. how it is that? The spirit Works faith in. And we're gonna have another question on. What faith is? What it is that the spirit Works in Us by? Are effectual calling or in our effectual calling. But the main answer, then, the distinctive part of this answer is That the spirit applies to us the Redemption purchased by Christ.

By uniting us to Christ. That Redemption is not something that you get from Christ. So much as Redemption is something that you get in Christ. And so, When we think about and hear about effectual calling and what the spirit uses the word to do, for our thinking, and for our affections, and for our Wills, one of the great conclusions.

after he does his work or by way of his doing that work in our thinking and our affection and our affections and our Wills is that, we conclude that we must not remain our own. That we need to, we must Become Christ's be United to him. And not have an independent separate life from him, but find?

Our life, our identity, our being In Union with him. And this is what faith does it receives and rests upon the Lord Jesus. It is not merely. theological belief about or Resting upon trusting in. but Faith actually receives him. Himself. and Answers, his welcome. to us that if we come to him, he Receives us.

And so, We are joined to Jesus Christ. And so this is the great work of the Holy Spirit in applying Christ's Redemption to us. He joins us to Jesus. there's an analogy in marriage, although Christ's marriage isn't to any individual believer, we are members. Of his bride, which is how we become members of his body.

Because his wife is born of his bone and Flesh of his flesh. He counts her as her, his very own body. But in, Applying Redemption to. The Holy Spirit makes us members of his body by joining us to him. And so there's the language of Union with Christ, there's the language of being engrafted into Christ.

there's the language of Christ dwelling in our hearts by faith. from Ephesians chapter 3. And then there's just the very common description. One of the most, if not the most common descriptions of a believer in the New Testament in that little phrase in Christ. Someone who is in Christ.

or you know, the other text Christ dwelling in, you the hope of glory. And so this is what the Holy Spirit does. For all those for whom Christ has accomplished. Their Redemption. The Holy Spirit brings us into Christ and to Christ into us. He unites us to the son.

And so the question, how does the spirit apply to us the Redemption purchased by Christ and the answer? The spirit applies to us the Redemption purchased by Christ by working faith in And thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling And that's why faith is the alone. instrument of our justification and why faith is The necessary.

Instrument or mechanism. Also even in our sanctification. Although in our sanctification it's not the only instrument. but it is the alone instrument in our justification. Because we are. we have Redemption applied to us by being united, to Christ.

And there's nothing else that unites us to Christ. But faith. So we could answer Union with Christ, that would be an accurate. Will be a briefer and not as helpful and thorough answer. How does the spirit apply to us the Redemption purchased? By Christ, the spirit applies to us the Redemption purchased by Christ.

By working faith in us and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.