

## Union

By this, love is perfected with us, that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world (1 John 4:17).

As you walk in love, Christ flows into you and you into Him. You become constantly more and more one with Him. This is the final and ultimate result of your blood covenant union with Christ.

On the night of that first communion, shortly before He allowed Himself to be hung on the tree, Christ, whose prayers do get answered, prayed for you:

Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. . . that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; *that they also may be one in Us*, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, *that they may be one just as We are one*: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am . . . and I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them (John 17:11,21-24,26).

This is a union so complete that Christ said, in verses 21-22, italicized above, that you would become one with Christ in as intimate a union as God the Father has with His Son, the second person of the Trinity, Jesus Christ. Paul stated, in Ephesians 3:19, that he prayed for you “to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fulness of God.” Being filled to the fulness of God is almost always connected with love or abiding in Christ. Love is not only the greatest commandment of the Bible, it also brings about the greatest possible blessing: union with God.

“He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things (Romans 8:32)?” All the other blessings of the covenant pale in comparison to the central and incredibly awesome blessing of union with God.