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## What Is Union with Christ?

Ephesians 3:14–21  
(black Bibles page 977; Children’s Bibles page 1455)

Jesus died and rose again! Ok, now what do we do?

- The apostles spent their remaining lives answering this question
- Look at the Apostle Paul’s prayer in Ephesians 3:14-21 (verses 16–17 in particular)

You are united to Christ. Simply put, this means two things:

### 1. *You are in Christ!*

- “...and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ...” (Philippians 3:9)
- Variants of the expression “in Christ” are found 164 times in the letters of Paul alone (!). We are said to be *justified* in Christ, *sanctified* in Christ, *glorified* in Christ. We are said to *die* in Christ, and that we shall be *raised* with Christ.
- One thing this means practically: a deep sense of security. Of peace.

### 2. *Christ is in you!*

- “...so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...” (Ephesians 3:17)
- “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20)
- Salvation is not merely that Christ has died *for* you, but that He lives *in* you also!
- One thing this means practically: life and power for change!

How does this change your week?