

# Joyner Briceño Ministries

## Oneness

Humanity knows the power that comes by standing united with one another in their common interest. There is more chance of survival, there is greater strength and fight, and more ground can be covered with less effort. It doesn't matter how weak the weaker vessel might be when standing alone, by uniting with another that is stronger, the weaker vessel increases in every sense of the word.

In like manner, the Bible says believers in Christ have been united to Christ in a glorious union.

Our oneness with Christ began at the cross. We were joined together with Christ in that God made Him one with all our curse, all our sin, and all our disease. Finally, at His death, Christ forever took our curse, our sin, and our disease to the grave. He confirmed the removal with one shout, "It is finished!" His death forever took our old self in His body.

### **Romans 6:4**

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death...

The whole purpose was to forever remove and put to death every fallen aspect of Man and become united with us as one through faith in Christ. This will forever end your self-effort to come near to God because you will find out that, as believers in Christ, your nearness to God has been completed in Christ.

### **Ephesians 4:9-10**

...what does it mean that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might *complete* all things.

We were also united with Him through His burial. We descended with Him to the ugliest pit in the belly of the earth, and He was bound with all our fallen-ness of our entire life. A type of this in the Old Testament is the suffering of Jonah inside the belly of the fish.

His descent to Hades was the place where all that has kept us bound in this present life ran its full course in the body of Jesus. Since sin is not just something physical but also spiritual, Jesus had to suffer both physically and spiritually.

The purpose of Christ's descent into Hades is to finally defeat all your curse, sin, and disease so that you might be declared righteous and the Father can resurrect Jesus. The word *complete* in the Greek is the word *pleroo*, which means, "to render full, complete, to carry it into effect."

### **Romans 6:5**

For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection.

Not only were we united with Him in His burial, but we also were united with Him in His resurrection in that God also made us one with His righteousness, holiness, and blessing. The resurrection of Jesus means that whatever He did at the cross worked and in effect in our lives today. On this side of the veil, our spirit was purified and united with the Holy Spirit, creating ONE totally new being that never existed before. As believers in Christ, we have the very life of Christ within us and united to us.

A godly professor of theology said it like this:

- “Spiritual life flows out of union with Christ, not merely imitation of Christ.” – **Richard F. Lovelace**

Through Jesus Christ, man gained not just Sonship but also brought many sons to glory with Him. In other words, as believers in Christ, we are also seated at the right hand of God because we are in Christ. The glory of Christ shines through us and to us so, together, we could reign in life today and for all eternity.

### **Colossians 2:9-10, NLT**

For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

Most believers in Christ have yet to awaken to the truth that we are permanently united with Christ. Know that this union is not something to be deserved but just received as a gift; it is not to put forth effort to come near to God but enjoy the presence of Christ which is already a reality. God has given in you all of Himself, His fullness. Know that all the fullness of God is right now inside of you, as a believer in Christ.

A very well respected theologian says it in this manner:

- “Union is the cause of all other graces that we are made partakes of; they are all communicated unto us by virtue of our union with Christ. Hence is our adoption, our justification, our sanctification, our fruitfulness, our perseverance, our resurrection, our glory.” – **John Owen**

Everything that Christ accomplished is called Grace, and Grace is all of the fullness of Christ. It's not just Grace, but grace upon grace. By it, it has an eternal taste to it. This union is permanent, which means it is **irreversible**. In other words, your sin will never forfeit this union. You can see how silly it is to think that the whole finished work of Jesus can be done away with your next sin. Jesus put into place an eternal solution to Adam's sin. Everything that envelopes the person of Jesus Christ is eternal. It's time to let the Holy Spirit continue to reveal this truth, to grow in this revelation of Grace.

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