

# Life in Christ (1) - No condemnation!

Sun 25 May 2008- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Romans 8:1

## 1.1 “Union with Christ? Never heard of it!”

### 1.2 Fifty reasons for the significance of our union with Christ:

I have Life and Light (John 1:4)	I have every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3)
I have the Father (John 14:20)	I am chosen (Ephesians 1:4)
I am continually given life and strength (John 15:5)	I am predestined (Ephesians 1:5)
I am dead to sin (Romans 6:1)	I am adopted (Ephesians 1:5)
I am alive to God (Romans 6:11)	I am redeemed (Ephesians 1:7)
I have eternal life (Romans 6:23)	I am sealed with the Holy Spirit (Eph 1:13)
I have died to the law (Romans 7:6)	I have been made alive (Ephesians 2:5)
I have no condemnation (Romans 8:1)	I am seated in the heavenly realms (Eph 2:6)
I am an heir of God (Romans 8:17)	I am created for good works (Eph 2:10)
I can't be separated from God's love (Romans 8:39)	I inherit all the promises of the OT (Eph 2:13)
I am sanctified (1 Corinthians 1:2)	I am forgiven (Ephesians 4:32)
I have received grace (1 Corinthians 1:4)	I am bearing spiritual fruit (Philippians 1:11)
I will be resurrected (1 Corinthians 15:22)	I have a righteousness from God (Phil 3:9)
All of God's promises are Yes to me (2 Cor 1:20)	I have a heavenly prize (Philippians 3:14)
His victory is mine (2 Corinthians 2:14)	I have the peace of God (Philippians 4:7)
I am a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)	I have power to endure hardship (Phil 4:13)
I am reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:19)	I have glorious riches (Phil 4:19)
I have the righteousness of God (2 Cor 5:21)	I have fullness (Colossians 2:10)
I am free (Galatians 2:4)	I have died to the world (Colossians 2:20)
I am justified (Galatians 2:16)	I am raised with Christ (Colossians 3:1)
I have been crucified (Galatians 2:20)	I will appear in glory (Colossians 3:4)
I am a son of God (Galatians 3:26)	I have hope (1 Thessalonians 1:3)
I have been clothed with Christ (Gal 3:27)	I have a promise of life (2 Timothy 1:1)
I am one with my brothers and sisters (Gal 3:28)	I have salvation (2 Timothy 3:15)
I belong to the line of Abraham (Gal 3:29)	I am called to eternal glory (1 Peter 5:10)

### 1.3 Three illustrations the Bible uses for our union with Christ:

1. A head and a body “...God gave him (Christ) as head over all things to the church, which is his body.” **Ephesians 1:22**
2. A vine and its branches “I am the vine. You are the branches.” **John 15:5**
3. A husband and a wife “...a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is profound, and I am saying it refers to Christ and the church.” **Ephesians 5:31-32**

## 1.4 Implication #1 of our union with Christ- No condemnation!

(Romans 8:1)

- The struggle we all face
- The sustained feelings of guilt even after we've confessed our sin
- The constant accusations of the devil

## 1.5 The proof that there's 'no condemnation' for those in Christ

(2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

By virtue of our union with Christ:

- Our sin is reckoned to Jesus Christ
- Christ's righteousness is reckoned to us

## 1.6 The implications of 'no condemnation' for those in Christ

1. It's not 'let's pretend'- it's for real.
2. It means God is 100% for us
3. It frees us from any self-condemning and self-atoning

## 1.7 License to sin?