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Study in 1 Peter

Sermon Title: "Our Union & Identity in Christ"

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:4-8

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Introduction: The believer is saved by coming to Christ and grows as they continue coming to Christ.

***Union** with Christ means that you are in Christ and Christ is in you. (Galatians 2:20)

1. **The believer's union with Christ is the **lifeline** of their spiritual life.** (V. 4-5)

Scripture: John 15:4-5

"It is not the quality or degree of our faith that matters as much as our being united to the object of our faith, the perfect Christ. It is the perfect Christ who saves us, not our imperfect faith or our imperfect obedience." (Rankin Wilbourne, "Union with Christ," page 55)

2. **The believer's union with Christ joins them to a spiritually **growing** community.** (V. 5b)

Scripture: Romans 12:5

3. **The believer's union with Christ joins them to a Christ **exalting** community.** (V. 5c-6)

"Worship is our passionate life priority." (HSC "Core Values")

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-29; Colossians 3:16-17; 1 Peter 1:22-23; Romans 12:1

4. **The believer's union with Christ spares them a **tragic** destiny.** (V. 7-8)

Scripture: Acts 4:11-12; John 3:17-19; Acts 2:21; Matthew 11:28; Revelation 22:17

Questions to Consider:

- Why is it such good news that our union with Christ does not depend upon our performance?
- How does the life, health, and fruit of the church body flow from our individual unions with Christ?
- How has the body of Christ helped you grow? How is God working through you to help bring about growth of the body of Christ? In what ways are you continuing to grow in praise, holiness & service?

- D. Describe some ways that God works to bring about praise and worship in the mouths and lives of believers.
- E. How can we, individually and corporately, make worship a “life priority” rather than a Sunday priority?
- F. What Scriptures do you turn to in order to be reminded that because you are in Christ you will never be ashamed or face judgment?