

### Session Three: Redemption of Humanity

#### III. Redemption

##### A. New Union – With Christ!

1. Individual union of the believer with Christ and Christ with the believer (John 14:20-21; 15:4-5, 10)
2. Corporate union of believers with one another and together with Christ (John 17:21, 26; Eph 2:11-18)
3. From the separation of the garden, redemptive history shows God coming closer
4. God's drawing of his people to himself now sees its greatest expression through our union with Christ—an interpenetration in which his life is now ours
5. True vertical reconciliation with God happens only through horizontal reconciliation with fellow believers, despite how great differences may exist at the human level

##### B. New Identity – In Christ!

1. Individual and corporate identity markers of the “new you/us” in Christ!
2. We are “in Christ” people. Union with Christ elicits a new identity. We not only belong to Christ; we are in Christ. This is now the fundamental reality of our new lives
3. We are those chosen in Christ, called to follow Christ, redeemed through Christ, adopted through Christ, made citizens of the kingdom of Christ – in all ways our identity is wrapped up with Christ

4. Because of our new identity as “in Christ” people, our union with one another in Christ must be lived out in greater love for one another

### C. New Life – Through Christ!

1. Empowerment to live by the Spirit and so model our lives after Christ
2. Rom 8:29 shows that God’s plan from before creation was and is to make us like his Son
3. Ezek 36:25-27; Rom 8:3-4 – the coming of the Spirit marks the dawning of new covenant life, the internalization of God’s work to remake us to be like Christ
4. 2 Cor 3:18 – the Spirit conforms us to Christ as we behold increasingly the glory of Christ
5. Eph 5:2; 1 Pet 2:21 – we are rightly called to follow Christ since his power is now ours
6. Acts 1:8 – the Spirit who empowers transformation also empowers proclamation of Christ
7. Eph 4:11-16 – Spirit gifting brings forth service to one another, and love for one another, by which the body of Christ collectively grows into the stature that belongs to Christ