

The Practice of Biblical Counseling in Union with Christ

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1. Union with Christ Overview

1. Biblical
2. Historical
3. Practical

2. Implications for Biblical Counseling

1. Philosophy
 - 2 Cor 5:11-6:1
 - Biblical Counseling is the ministry of Jesus that we participate in union with Him by the power of the Holy Spirit
2. Personal
 - Our union with Christ is profoundly real and intensely intimate.
 - Eph 2:5-6

“Union with Christ is not a sentiment, metaphor or illustration, or even primarily a “doctrine”. Nor is it a way of speaking about something else—whether justification, sanctification, or any other benefit of Christ (even if it includes all of these and more!). Our union with the living Christ is the essential truth of our new and eternal existence. In a way that gloriously transcends our finite understanding, we are really and truly joined—spiritually and bodily—to the crucified, resurrected, incarnate person of Christ. There is no better news than this.” - Marcus Peter Johnson

3. Practical
 - We have great hope for our selves and for the person we are counseling because we are in union with Christ.
 - Heb 3:12-13