

*Sermon Notes*  
*Themes from Ephesians*  
“Union with Christ” – Ephesians 2:4-7

I. Introduction – Paul has Good News for us.

A. The art of coining words.

1. People have done this for years.
  - a. Examples
2. Paul does it too in describing our union with Christ.

B. Text

1. Ephesians 2:4-7

C. What does “Union with Christ mean?”

1. Jesus and metaphors: John 6:35, John 15:45; John 17:22-23
2. Paul’s development –
  - a. Note the phrase “in Christ” or “in Christ Jesus” found \_\_\_\_\_ times in the New Testament.
    1. Examples: Eph. 1:4, 7; Gal. 2:17, I Cor. 1:6
3. Commentators call it the heart of Paul’s religion.
  - a. John Murray, A. W. Pink
4. The Church Banner
5. Westminster Confession of Faith – Chapter 12 “On Adoption”

II. Exposition

- A. “Made us alive together with Christ,” verse 5.
  1. Coined words and phrases.

2. Physically living, but spiritually dead.
  - a. Ezekiel 37:1-10
3. When the sinner becomes a Christian
  - a. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

1. Our “bent” is different.

B. “Raised us up with Him,” verse 6.

1. Coined word and phrase.
2. Colossians 2:8-15 (Emphasis on Verse 12).
3. We Have been given a new environment.
4. Lloyd-Jones.
5. Charles Hodge.

C. “Seated with God in the heavenly realms in Christ,” verse 6.

1. Coined word and phrase.
2. The verb tense is significant – past tense.
  - a. We have already been elevated to special seating.

III. Points for Reflection

- A. Paul makes up three phrases to describe our position in Christ.
- B. “Made us alive together with Christ,” in verse 5 means that we were experientially and spiritually dead and that we now live because of our union with Christ.
- C. “Raised us up with Him” means that we are creatures of the heavenlies, who are not bound by what we see, smell, taste, and touch. Our environment is different.
- D. “Seated with Christ in the heavenly realms . . . .” means that we have been transferred to be by His side.