

Union and Fellowship with the Father, Son and The Holy Spirit (*Continued*)

Recap – Last meeting we discussed how those who believe in Christ are "In Christ", "abide in Christ and He in them" and as a result are "in union with Father, Son and Holy Spirit". That when you believe in Christ you are filled with the Holy Spirit and it is the Holy Spirit that makes this mysterious union possible. **Col. 1:25-28 (NLT) vs. 25** "God's entire message is Christ in You, the hope of glory!" **Union! No longer any separation for those who believe in Christ! Heb. 3:12-14 (AMP)** "Partakers of Christ, "firm and unshaken to the end" and **2 Pet. 1:3-4 (NLT)** "Partakers of His divine nature". When Pressure, affliction, hardship, trials and testing come our way we can pass the test because of this union! The Holy Spirit is the rivers of living water: Let's read the following in order, all in (AMPC) **Jn. 7:37-39; Isa 55:1-2; Rev. 22:16-17**. The result of this living water is abundant spiritual joy! **Jn. 10:7-10**. Jesus is the door, believe in Him, receive the Holy Spirit and because of the Holy Spirit, Christ is in you (who believe)! ~ Dig deeper: Read *Believers Commentary on Jn. 7:38 and Isa. 55:1*. (See below)

1. Union continued...

The Holy Spirit That You (Believers) Received From The Father through Christ Lives Permanently In You

a) Let's take a deep dive into **1 Jn. 2:20-28**. Let's start with **1 Jn. 2:20**.

- **1 Jn. 2:20 (KJV)** "But ye have an unction (5545) from the Holy One, and ye know all things".
- **1 Jn. 2:20 (NKJV)** "But you have an anointing (5545) from the Holy One, and you know all things".
- "Unction/Anointing" is the Holy Spirit, "Holy One" is Jesus Christ. The "you" is "believers". Believers have the Holy Spirit who was sent from Jesus Christ (The Holy One), who is from the Father.

b) χρίσμα (chrisma) - Strong's Greek 5545: An unction/anointing. From chrīo; the special endowment of the Holy Spirit. (*Receiving the Holy Spirit, being filled with the Holy Spirit*).

c) ~ Read "Believer's Commentary" for **1 Jn. 2:20**.

- You (believer) have been "given" the "Holy Spirit" who is from the Father that was sent from the Son. Discuss: **Jn. 15:26** and **Jn. 14:16-17 (AMPC)**.
- Note: In the scriptures the Holy Spirit is referenced to as the "Spirit of Christ" and the "Spirit of God". Interesting when you consider **Jn. 15:26** above. But that takes us back to **Jn. 10:30** (I and the Father are one). The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Son and The Father because they are one. But then the Holy Spirit is one with the Father and The Son as well. 😊 This is a glorious mystery!
- Belonging to Christ: **Rom. 8:9 (NKJV)** "But you (believers) are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the "Spirit of Christ" (The Holy Spirit), he is not His (Christ's). Notice the last phrase of "he is not His".

- **Note:** Belonging is a big part of being “in union” with, “in fellowship with” the Trinity. We cannot “belong to Christ” without the Holy Spirit. Those who believe in Christ are filled with the Holy Spirit and as a result belong to Christ, are in union with Christ, are in Christ and Christ in them and are seated with Him in Heavenly places because of this union. Those who have not believed in Christ are not filled with the Holy Spirit and do not yet belong and are not yet in union with. i.e. “not His”.
- d) **1 Jn. 3:24 (AMPC)** *“He [really] lives and makes His home in us: by the [Holy] Spirit Whom He has given us”.* The “us” here is “believers”.
- e) Now let’s jump forward to **1 Jn. 2:26-27 (KJV)** and note the same use of “χρῖσμα (chrisma)” noted above: – *“26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. (False teachers) 27 But the anointing (Strong’s 5545) (The Holy Spirit) which ye have received of (from) him (Jesus Christ) abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing (Holy Spirit) teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him (Christ). 28 And now, little children, abide in him (Christ); that, when he (Christ) shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him (Christ) at his coming”.*
- f) Let's read **1 Jn. 2:27 AMPC.** (Note: abides permanently in you “the believer”)
- g) ~ Read “Believer’s Commentary” for **1 Jn. 2:26,27.**
- h) Charles Spurgeon on vs. 28 - Abiding in Jesus (living in Jesus) is not a passive thing; it is an active thing. We must give ourselves, mentally and spiritually, to living in Jesus. “We abide in him, not by a physical law, as a mass of iron abides on the earth; but by a mental and spiritual law, by which the greatness of divine love and goodness holds us fast to the Lord Jesus.” Yet, not only are we called to abide in Him; but we also know that He abides in us. It is a two-way relationship. “You are to take care that you abide in Christ as much as if all depended upon yourself; and yet you can look to the promise of the covenant, and see that the real reason for your abiding in Christ lies in the operation of his unchanging love and grace.” – WoW!
- i) Now let's read **1 Jn. 2:20 -28 (NLT)** to tie it all together.

Next meeting, we will dive into the finished work of the cross.

Homework:

The Finished Work of the Cross:

Jn. 19:30 “it is finished” – Greek “Tetelestai” – Paid In Full.

What was paid in full? What was finished? What was the work Jesus came to do?

Jn. 7:37 (NLT) *"On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "Anyone who is thirsty may come to me!" – Commentary: 7:37* "Though not mentioned in the OT, the Jews had a ceremony of carrying water from the Pool of Siloam and pouring it into a silver basin by the alter of burnt offering for each of the first seven days of the feast of tabernacles. On the eighth day this was not done, which made Christ's offer of the water of eternal life even more startling. The Jewish people had gone through the religious observance, and yet their hearts were not satisfied because they had not truly understood the deep meaning of the feast. Just before they departed for their homes, **on the last day, the great day of the feast Jesus stood and cried** out to them. He invited them to **come** to Him for spiritual satisfaction. Pay particular attention to the words. His invitation was extended to anyone. His Gospel was a universal Gospel. There was no one who would not be saved if he would simply come to Christ.

But notice the condition. The scripture says, **"If anyone thirsts."** "Thirst" here speaks of spiritual need. Unless a person knows he is a sinner, he will never want to be saved. Unless he realizes he is lost, he will never desire to be found. Unless one is conscious of a great spiritual lack in his life, he will never want to go to the Lord to have that need supplied. The Savior invited the thirsting soul to come to Him – Not to the church, the preacher, the waters of baptism or the Lord's table. Jesus said **"Let him come to me."** No one or nothing else will do. **"Let him come to me and drink."** To **"drink"** here means to appropriate Christ for oneself. It means to trust Him as Lord and Savior. It means to take Him into our lives as we would take a glass of water into our bodies.

Jn. 7:38 (AMPC) *"He who believes in Me [who cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me] as the Scripture has said, from his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs and rivers of living water." - or - "...Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from the heart of anyone who believes in me.'"* – Commentary: 7:38 "Verse 38 proves that to come to Christ and drink is the same as to *believe* on Him. All who believe on Him will have their own needs supplied and will receive **rivers** of spiritual blessing that will **flow** out of them to others. All through the OT it was taught that those who accept Messiah would be helped themselves and would be channels of blessing to others (e.g. Isa. 55:1). The expression **"out of his heart will flow rivers of living water"** means out of the persons inward parts or inner life would flow stream of help to others. John R.W. Stott points out that we drink in small gulps or sips, but these are multiplied into a mighty confluence of flowing streams. William Temple warns: No one can be indwelt by the Holy Spirit of God and keep the Spirit to himself. Where the Spirit is, He flow forth; if there is no flowing forth, He is not there.

Jn. 7:39 (AMPC) *"But He was speaking here of the Spirit, Whom those who believed (trusted, had faith) in Him were afterward to receive. For the [Holy] Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified (raised to honor)."* – Commentary: 7:39 "It is clearly stated that the expression "living waters" refers to the Holy Spirit. Verse 39 is very important because it teaches that all who receive the Lord Jesus Christ also receive the Spirit of God. In other words, it is not true, as some claim, that the Holy Spirit comes to indwell people sometime after their conversion. This verse clearly and distinctly states that all who believe on Christ receive the Spirit. At the time the Lord Jesus spoke these words, the **Holy Spirit** had **not yet** been **given**. It was not until the Lord Jesus went back to heaven and **was glorified** that the Holy Spirit descended on the day of Pentecost. From that moment on, every true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ has been dwelt by the Holy Spirit.

Isa. 55:1 (AMPC) "Wait and listen, everyone who is thirsty! Come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Yes, come, buy [priceless, spiritual] wine and milk without money and without price [simply for the self-surrender that accepts the blessing]." – Commentary: 55:1 "The Spirit of God sends out the evangelistic invitation to Israel to return, and at the same time invites **everyone** everywhere to the Gospel feast. All that is necessary is conscious of need (thirst). The blessings are the **waters** of the Holy Spirit, the **wine** of joy, and the **milk** of the good Word of God. They are the free gift of grace, **without money and price**."

Where are we on the study map with this study?

