

*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.