

**"UNION WITH CHRIST IN DEATH & NEWNESS OF LIFE"
ROMANS 6:3-5**

I. THE DOCTRINE OF THE BELIEVER'S UNION WITH CHRIST PROVIDES A WEALTHY THEOLOGICAL CONTEXT FOR THE ENTIRE FIRST SECTION OF ROMANS SIX

- A. Rediscovered By Dispensationalists
- B. Taught Progressively Throughout The New Testament
 - 1. In The Teachings Of John
 - 2. In The Teachings Of Paul
- C. Illustrated In Two Ways In The New Testament
 - 1. The Vine And The Branches (John 15)
 - 2. Christ Is The Head Over The Church Which Is His Body (Ephesians 2)

II. PAUL EMPLOYS THE METAPHOR OF BAPTISM TO FURTHER ILLUSTRATE OUR VITAL UNION WITH CHRIST IN HIS DEATH (6:3-4a)

- A. There Are Three Parallel Expressions Which Declare This Aspect Of Our Union With Christ
- B. The Question Is, "Which Baptism Is Being Spoken Of Here?"
 - 1. Spirit Baptism?
 - 2. Water Baptism?

III. THE INEVITABLE PURPOSE OF UNION WITH CHRIST IN HIS DEATH IS NEWNESS OF LIFE (6:4b-5)

- A. Because Christ Did Not Stay In The Grave
- B. Because Union With Christ Is A Package Deal

THE GIVING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR AUTHENTICATION AND ACCREDITATION

SEVERAL TIMES IN THE O.T. SIMILAR ACTIVITY OCCURRED AS THAT WHICH OCCURRED IN ACTS 2:1-4. IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SCENARIOS WE SEE THE LORD'S AUTHENTICATION AND ACCREDITATION AS HIS NEW PLACE OF PRESENCE, WORSHIP AND SERVICE.

TABERNACLE

EXODUS 40:34

"THEN A CLOUD COVERED THE TENT OF THE CONGREGATION AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLED THE TABERNACLE."

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

I KINGS 8:10-11

"...THE CLOUD FILLED THE HOUSE OF THE LORD, SO THAT THE PRIESTS COULD NOT STAND TO MINISTER BECAUSE OF THE CLOUD: FOR THE GLORY OF THE LORD HAD FILLED THE HOUSE OF THE LORD."

MILLENNIAL TEMPLE

EZEKIEL 43:4,5

"AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD CAME INTO THE HOUSE BY THE WAY OF THE GATE WHOSE PROSPECT IS TOWARD THE EAST...THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLED THE HOUSE."

LIKEWISE, THE N.T. CHURCH HAD BECOME THE LORD'S NEW TEMPLE, AND CONSEQUENTLY, IT NEEDED TO BE AUTHENTICATED AND ACCREDITED.

THREE VIEWS ON SPIRIT BAPTISM

CHARISMATIC: AFTER SALVATION (FOR TODAY)
PROTESTANT: SIMULTANEOUS TO SALV. (FOR TODAY)
HISTORIC BAPTIST: AT PENTECOST (NOT FOR TODAY)