

United with Christ

Galatians Series – Part 7

Scripture text – Galatians 2:20

Introduction

- This morning, we're going back to chapter 2 because we glossed over a very important statement by Paul.
- Paul is expressing a spiritual _____.
- Main idea: To trust in Jesus Christ is to be _____ with him in his death & resurrection. From a spiritual standpoint, it's as though the believer was on the _____ with him.
- The effect is that the believer begins an altogether _____ life.

Response #1: God Regenerates

- This is the secret act of God in which he raises a believer from spiritual _____ to spiritual _____. Jesus called this being “_____.”
- Through this work, God places within the believer new _____, most notably the desire to love & obey _____.
- How these new desires are manifested & acted upon will _____ from person-to-person.
- 2 errors:
 1. The Protestant error: _____ regeneration.
 2. The Roman Catholic error: _____ regeneration.

Response #2: God Justifies

- This is God's declaration, acting in his role as supreme judge, that the believer's sins are _____ and he/she is now & forever _____ in his sight.
- 2 errors:
 1. The Protestant error: To take this as a license to _____.
 2. The Roman Catholic error: To _____ justification altogether.
- Justification gives _____ to unbelievers and _____ to believers.

Response #3: God Adopts

- This means God makes the believer a member of his _____.
- Being adopted as God's child is the _____ thing that Christianity offers.
- Many today are struggling with their _____. Some are so desperate they will even cut off body parts.
- Being a child of God _____ every other possible identity.

Celebrating Today's Baptisms

- Baptism is a visual _____ of being united with Christ in his death, burial & resurrection.
- There is no greater thing for us to celebrate!