

Opening Prayer

Title page diagram explanation

Pages 2-8

- Introduction to the doctrine of union with Christ
- Why we should study it
- Study Objectives
- Anchored in Jesus' Farwell Discourse to His disciples in John 15:1-11
- Culture context provided
- First "eisegesis check"
- OT vine symbolism context provided
- Jesus's ministry context leading up to John 15:1-11 is outlined

Pages 8-13

- Unpack the meaning of "true" in the "true vine" statement via old testament context
- **1st facet** - the locus shift is described. Radical and threatening.
- **2nd facet** – allegorical spiritual growth or removal realized. The vine getting pruned to the root due to Solomon's idolatry.
- Second "eisegesis check" - description does not equal prescription. Argument from silence is poor exegesis.
- Jesus's call back to allegorical vinedresser. Judas Iscariot versus Peter.
- **3rd facet** – Jesus and His disciples (by extension us) in even closer relationship than Shepherd and sheep.

Pages 13-18

- Formal description of the Union with Christ beginning
 - Description of human composition
 - How and where regeneration operates
- **4th facet** - meaning of "in Christ"
 - The role of faith
 - Awareness of the union
 - How union occurs

Pages 18-19

- **5th facet** - transformation of Believers
 - The nature of the transformation process
 - The result of this union
 - The Holy Spirit's role and the believer's role

Pages 20-20

- The theological relationship between the Union and Justification
 - Justification defined
 - How it is manifested
 - How God's attributes are not violated
- **6th facet** - vertical and horizontal impact

Pages 21-23

- Deeper dive into the Holy Spirit's role in the Union with Christ
- Jesus's role in the union
- **7th facet** - The union cannot be broken
- **8th facet** - The union and regeneration (born again). inseparably connected but not identical

Pages 23-26

- History of the Union with Christ doctrine
- Differing views
- Moving beyond just comprehension
- Impact on current culture

My Insights, Application, Questions and examples of objections to study assertions
Group read John 15:1-11