

1. **5 Unusual Types of Union Found in Scripture**: Five unusual examples of union are found in Scripture, each a divine mystery. The five together form the foundations for our faith.
  - (1.) The union of the three divine persons of the Trinity, each having a distinct personality, all eternal, all equal in glory and attributes, yet all united as one God.
  - (2.) The union of divine and human natures in one person, Christ Jesus, Immanuel, the God-Man.
  - (3.) The union of Christ with believers, both as individual believers and corporately as the church.
  - (4.) The union of believers to one another through Christ.
  - (5.) The union of our material body with our immaterial soul.
  - The depth of mystery of each union is beyond human comprehension. It is a holy privilege to study these unions. May the Holy Spirit graciously guide and enlighten us.
2. **Union of the three divine persons of the Trinity**: A union of three divine persons of the same essence, each eternal and infinite, and possessing the same attributes of being, yet being one Jehovah. Within the union, there is order and distinction of Persons. Only through revelation can we know anything of their shared essence.
3. **Union of Christ with Believers**: A spiritual union between each believer's human nature and Christ's human nature, and through the Holy Spirit to His divine Person, and through His divine Person to the Father. In this spiritual union, no mixing or blending of divine and human attributes occurs.
  - The bond uniting believers individually and corporately to Christ (and hence the Trinity) is the Holy Spirit. Believers are "in Christ" (Eph. 1:3) sharing in His life of perfect obedience to the Law, His atoning death, resurrection, justification, holiness, and glorification.
  - "Christ in us" (2 Cor. 13:5, Jn. 13:5. Col. 1:27) brings regeneration, sanctification, and the hope of glory. Believers are "in Christ, Christ is in believers, we are like Christ, and we are with Christ."
  - This is an eternal union of grace. It is the foundation of all Christ's gracious actions toward His church in time and eternity.
4. **Union of Believers**: A union of justified believers joined to one another through their union with Christ.

5. **Union of Our Material Body with Our Immaterial Soul:** We are wonderfully and fearfully made in the image of God. A most remarkable thing about us is the union of soul and body.
- Consider how astounding it is – a union of an immaterial soul and a body of “clay” forming a living person?
  - The union of body and soul is real, forming one person. In normal life, soul and body cannot be separated.
  - At mortal death, the union dissolves. Body and soul separate. One going to the ground from which it came, the other to God.
  - Body and soul will be reunited in resurrection when Christ comes again.