

I. Union With Christ is a Spiritual Bond... vs. 46

A. *Spiritual not physical or natural...*

1. Consider Mary... *Matthew 1:25; John 2:4*

2. Consider His brothers... *Galatians 1:19*

B. *The saving connection...* vs. 49

- Lesson:**
1. It is unreasonable to depend upon outward things...
 2. Outward privileges increase accountability and guilt...
 3. All things are new In Christ... *II Corinthians 5:16-17*

C. *The Absolute necessity of a true Spirit worked union with Christ...*

D. *The Evidence of Union with Christ...* vs. 50 (*doing God's will*)

1. *God's will, what he determines...* *Ephesians 1:11; Isaiah 46:10; Daniel 4:35; Psalm 115:3; 135:6; Acts 4:27-28*

2. *God's will, what he requires...* *John 7:17; Matthew 7:21; 6:10*

3. *By nature we are all sinners...*

4. *We must "obey the Gospel..."* *John 6:28-29; II Thessalonians 1:8*

Observation: You cannot do the will of God or serve Him until you obey the Gospel... *Isaiah 64:6; John 6:29; 3:17-18*

Application: God looks upon the heart... *Matthew 23:27*

E. *Union with Christ is forever...*

1. *Other outward connections with Christ will not last...* *Matthew 22:8ff*

2. *All natural ties outside of Christ will end...*

II. *The Necessity of Coming to Christ Regardless the cost upon natural Ties...*

A. *Often people take lightly the blessings of salvation...*

B. *They prefer the esteem and approval of people over the favor of Christ...* Luke 14:26

Application:

III. *The Awesome Wonder of Union With Christ...* vs. 49

A. *He is not ashamed to call His disciples brethren...* Hebrews 2:11-12; Romans 8:29

B. *Union with Christ and His fellowship is our greatest joy...*

Application: