

## BEING HUMAN: GROWTH GROUP STUDY 4

***“all that I am I give to you,  
and all that I have I share with you”***

On Sunday, we looked at God’s design and intent with making us sexual beings. We saw that the union between a husband and a wife is supposed to help us understand the union between Christ and the Church.

Union with Christ is a theme through the New Testament. The phrase used in Romans is “in Christ” as in 16:7 when Paul says that two others were “in Christ” before he was – in other words they became Christians before he did. Read the following verses and note down what we have if we are united to Christ, and try to say how Christ has this to share with us:

- Romans 6:11            **Life – because Christ is raised from the dead**
- Romans 6:23           **eternal life - because our sin has been paid for**
- Romans 8:1            **no condemnation – as above, our sin paid for**
- Romans 8:39           **God’s love – because God loves Jesus**
- Romans 12:5           **we belong to each other – we are all his bride**

Look at the verses from two hymns below. Name that tune! But, use them to respond to the reality of our Union with Christ?

**From the Squalor of a borrowed stable / Before the throne of God above**

Now He's standing in the place of honour,  
Crowned with glory on the highest throne,  
Interceding for His own **beloved**  
Till His Father calls to bring them home!  
Then the skies will part as the trumpet  
sounds  
Hope of heaven or the fear of hell;  
**But the Bride will run to her Lover's arms,**  
Giving glory to Immanuel!

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb!  
**my perfect, spotless righteousness,**  
the great unchangeable I AM"  
the King of glory and of grace!  
**One with Himself, I cannot die;**  
my soul is purchased by His blood;  
**my life is hid with Christ on high,**  
with Christ my Savior and my God.

This is the conclusion of our Being Human series.

For personal reflection: What has God been saying to you through it?

It would be helpful to know what you have found helpful in this series

Also – what questions do you have as a result of the series?

### Pray

- **That we would know all the assurance and all the benefits of being “in Christ”.**
- **That we would better understand ourselves and our struggles in the light of this series.**
- **That we would be able to engage with the world around us “full of grace and truth.”**