



Big Idea: Real joy is a product of union with Christ.

- Union with Christ means that we are in Him and He is in us (1 John 5:20, Colossians 1:27).
- The two ordinances of the church--baptism and the Lord's Supper--depict our *Union* with Christ.
 - Baptism depicts that we are in Christ (Romans 6:3-4).
 - The Lord's Supper depicts that Christ is in us (John 17:20-23, 1 Corinthians 10:16)

-- We rejoice in Christ because His *Death* is our death to condemnation for sin (Colossians 2:12, Romans 6:6-7).

- Rejoicing in the Lord begins with the understanding that, in Christ, we have died to the destruction of sin.
- See the devastating depths of our depravity, and rejoice in its destruction through our union with Christ!

-- We rejoice in Christ because His *Righteousness* is our justification (1 Corinthians 1:30).

- Union with Christ means that, because He was sinless, we are made saints.
- Acknowledge the hopelessness of salvation by works, and rejoice that God declares us righteous through our union with Christ!

-- We rejoice in Christ because His *Resurrection* is our hope and victory forever (Romans 6:4-5, 1 Corinthians 15:21-22).

- Because God has made us the one body of Christ, we are accorded all that He has accomplished.
- See the infinite glory of the resurrection, and rejoice that God grants us this glory through our union with Christ!