

## Lesson 15a: United as One with Him

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The more you study this, the more you will be convinced that God intended from the beginning to unite us as one with Him - Body, Soul, and Spirit.

Joh 17:18-23 (LITV)

Luk 22:15 (ISV)

Luk 22:19 (LITV)

At the Passover supper where Jesus ate with His Disciples before he was betrayed in the Garden, Jesus prayed this prayer. His fervent desire was to be one with all people who believed in Him just like He is One with God. Jesus reveals to us what God's desire has been from the beginning! God didn't want to be separated from His people anymore by sin and He knew that in order to do this, man would have to be given a new and perfected spirit, soul, and body - free from sin. Jesus, in the flesh, accomplished this by dying on the cross and resurrecting to new life!

Rom 8:29 (LITV)

Col 1:18-22 (ASV)

We were destined to be re-created (born again) from Jesus, formed to His image, and joined to Him forever. From the death of Jesus - a "perfect" man, the Church was formed from His new body - a "new and perfect" woman. God did this just like he formed Eve from Adam.

Gen 2:21-24 (LITV)

When Adam was asleep, God took one of his ribs and formed Eve. The term "asleep" or "sleep" is also used in scripture for a person who is dead.

Mat 27:52 (LITV)

Joh 11:11-14 (LITV)

1Co 15:20 (LITV)

When Adam woke up, God brought the woman to him and he fell instantly in love with her! He acknowledged that she was a part of his own body and he gave her a name from his own. Then he held her close, joining as one with her - the first marriage. When we accept Jesus as Lord of our life, then we become a part of

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His Body. He gives us His Name and His Love (a new Soul), and we are joined to Him by the Spirit He gives to us - a Spiritual Marriage!

Mat 19:6 (ISV)

Eph 5:23 (ASV)

Eph 5:30-32 (KJV)

Act 4:32 (KJV)

1Co 6:17 (MRC)

Rom 8:9-11 (ISV)

This marriage of the Church to Jesus was not a new concept. God Himself gave the first example of being "married" to His people - the children of Israel - in the book of Exodus.