***SERMON NOTES***

**Grace Abounding**

**A Sermon Series through the Book of Galatians**

“One *In Christ*”

**Galatians 3: 27 – 28**

**In 3: 27 – 28, God brings us to what is the center and focal point of Jesus’s accomplishes for the sinner in salvation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.**

**When Paul says in v27 *“as many of you who were baptized into Christ have put on Christ”* he is speaking to what the symbol of baptism \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us about our union with Christ.**

**In its simplest form, union with Christ is about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: who is representing the sinner before God: the sinner or Jesus?**

**The Bible tells us that all people have only one of two identities: in Christ or in Adam. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ am represented by Adam or by Christ.**

**All people’s first identity is found in Adam and it remains there until they turn from sin in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and toward Jesus in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**When someone becomes a believer they get a new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**So real is one’s union with Christ that wherever Christ is and wherever Christ has been, there the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is and has been as well.**

**Our uniting with Christ is the vehicle means of our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - all that He is, is ours and all that we are, is His.**

**The word \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ comes from the Greek word *βαπτίζω* and literally translates to “immersion” or “to fully submerge under water”.**

**To be baptized into Christ is to be united with Christ: immersed into Him and His work on behalf of the sinner, fully submerged, and completely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into the life, death, and resurrection of Christ and all if its implications.**

**To be “in Christ”, to be “united with Christ”, to be “baptized into Christ” means to be “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by Christ”, like a garment worn.**

**To be clothed in Christ means that your primary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is in Christ.**

**To be clothed in Christ means that He goes with the believer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Jesus is with the believer as He provides and gives what is needed in all things.**

**To “put on Christ”, to be “clothed in Christ”, or to be “in Christ” is to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christ; to have who He is and what He commands infuse and permeate everything I say or do.**

**Coming into Christ will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who you are. This is the mark of true and genuine belief.**

**Belonging to Christ and being united in Christ has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that flow out, namely that we are not our own. We belong also to those who also belong to Christ.**

**The Bible teaches us that when we are saved in to Christ and united with Him – in that same mystery - we are also saved into and united into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of other believers.**

**When I am united with Christ it will necessarily affect and change how I view others as it removes the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that can often divide.**

**When you are in Christ, you are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with others who are also in Christ.**

**Gender, economic standing, and our race are good and designed by God to be used by Him but they must not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us.**

**All people need Jesus. In Christ the spiritual benefits and blessing are the same and given without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to any who repent and believe.**

*Blanks:* union; teaches; representation; I; repentance & faith; identity; Christian; salvation; baptism; plunged; clothed; identity; everywhere; imitate; change; implications; family; barriers; one; divide; restriction;

Congregational Scripture Reading – Acts 9: 1 – 4

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him.And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”