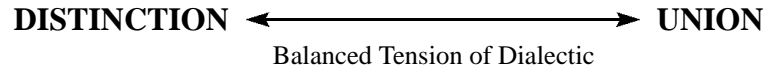


UNION OF DOING

Operational Union

Union with Christ Diagram #2



Evangelical Performance

False idea of self-generated righteous behavior.

“Do your best, God will do the rest”

“God helps those who help themselves”

Trying to “be like Jesus.

- imitate Jesus
- follow His example
- Christlikeness

Religion

Christian religion regarded as

- belief-system
- morality and ethics
- role-playing
- problem-solving

Commitment, dedication

Seeking to find “God’s will”

Pray more, read Bible more

Increased church involvement

“Serve the Lord”

“Good testimony”, witness

Fear, Insecurity, Paranoia

Never know if/when you’ve done enough!

Uncertainty, resignation

“I can’t help but sin; I’m only human”

Doubts of salvation

Sin-consciousness

Guilt, shame, condemnation

Suppression, repression

Confessionalism

Hypocrisy

Response-ability

Christians are choosing creatures, responsible for behavioral choices of faith.

“Apart from Me, you can do nothing” - Jn. 15:5

“I can do all things through Christ” - Phil. 4:13

Faith

Faith is “our receptivity of His activity”

“As received Christ, so walk in Him” - Col. 2:6

“obedience of faith” - Rom. 1:5; 16:26

“faith without works is dead” - James 2:12-26

Imperative Commands

Imperatives are based on indicatives.

Jesus is the *dynamic* of His own *demands*.

“Work out your own salvation” - Phil. 2:12

“God is at work in you” - Phil. 2:12

“Abstain from every form of evil” - I Thess. 5:22

“He will bring it to pass” - I Thess. 5:24

“Love one another” - Jn. 13:34,35

“Love of God poured in our hearts” - Rom. 5:5

“Discipline yourself unto godliness” - I Tim. 4:7

“Everything pertaining to godliness” - II Pt. 1:3

Imperatives of faith

“Abide in Me” - Jn. 15:5 (settle in, stay put)

“Reckon yourselves” - Rom. 6:11 (count as fact)

“Present yourselves” - Rom. 12:1

“Submit yourselves to God” - James 4:7

Sinful Misrepresentation

“whatever is not of faith, is sin” - Rom. 14:23

“No trial/temptation overtaken you, but is common to man” - I Cor. 10:13

“If we say we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and truth no in us” - I Jn. 1:8

“Flesh sets its desire against Spirit” - Gal. 5:17

“If we sin, we have Advocate” - I Jn. 2:1

Grace Dynamic

Necessary to *behave* like who we have *become*.

“My grace is sufficient for you” - II Cor. 12:9

“God able to make all grace abound” - II Cor. 9:8

Trinitarian Action

God the Father

“God is at work in us” - Phil. 2:13

“He will bring it to pass” - I Thess. 5:24

“our adequacy is of God” - II Cor. 3:5

God the Son

“Christ lives in me” - Gal. 2:20

“saved by His life” - Rom. 5:10

“life of Jesus manifested in us” - II Cor. 4:10,11

God the Spirit

“filled with the Spirit” - Eph. 5:18

“live/walk by the Spirit” - Gal. 5:16,25

Character

“fruit of Spirit is love, joy, peace” - Gal. 5:22,23

“fruit of righteousness” - Eph. 5:9; Phil. 1:11

“bear much fruit” - Jn. 15:5; Col. 1:10

LOVE - “God is love” - I Jn. 4:8,16

“Everyone who loves is born of God” - I Jn. 4:7

Godliness - I Tim. 3:16; II Tim. 3:12; II Pet. 1:3

Holiness - II Tim. 1:9; Heb. 12:10; II Thess. 4:7

Ministry

Spiritual gifts - Rom. 12:6-8; I Cor. 12:1-31

“Ministry of the Spirit” - II cor. 3:6,8

“Ministry of reconciliation” - II Cor. 5:18

“Christ through us” - Acts 15:12; Rom. 15:18,19

“the working of His power” - Eph. 3:7

Collective Union

“unity of the Spirit” - Phil. 1:27; 2:2; Eph. 4:3

“fellowship of sufferings” - Phil. 3:10; Col. 1:24

Deterministic Inevitability

Inevitable divine action

Mechanistic oneness that

loses or repudiates personal relationalism.

“What I do is what He does.”

“All I do is Christ in action.”

Fatalistic Passivism

Denial of responsibility

Passive instrument of automatic divine action

Channel or conduit of God

“Just go with the flow”

“God doesn’t mean for man to have faith, but just to be the God-expresser that he is.”

Pride

Gnostic elitism

“Knowers, See-ers, with advanced God-consciousness.

“I do what I will, for what I will is what He wills.”

“Speak the ‘word of faith’ and call into being what is not”

“Faith is just speaking your word.”

Co-creators, co-gods

Perfectionism

“Christ can’t sin; Christ is the new man in me. I can’t sin.”

Sin is an “illusion”

Sin is nothing

Libertine antinomianism

Flaunt alleged liberty.

Disregard for holy behavior