

Lesson 8 Outline - Unio Mystica: Am I Alone?

- I. **Introduction – What is a mystery?**
 - A. Sphere design - review of the family and church
 - B. Scriptural themes of intimacy, union, & oneness
- II. **The Mystical Union**
 - A. Between a husband and wife
 - B. Between Christ and His church
 - C. Between God and man – the Unio Mystica
 - 1. Colossians 1:27 "Christ in you"
 - 2. John 15:5 "If a man remains in me and I in him"
 - 3. John 14:16-17 "for he lives with you and will be in you"
 - 4. 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 "God's Spirit lives in you"
 - D. Unique and particular social laws and the blurring of spheres
- III. **Unity - The Body of Christ - Making many One**
 - A. Many members – we form one body with unique gifts and roles
 - B. The Mystery of Christ – "... for you are all one in Christ Jesus"
 - C. Jesus' vision for the church
 - 1. John 17: 20-23 "...that all of them may be one ...so the world may believe that you have sent me ...may they be brought to complete unity ..."
 - 2. Oneness – the many reciprocal or "one-another" commands
- IV. **Hunger for significance**
 - A. Tassels – Numbers 15 - "...so you will ...not prostitute yourselves by going after the lusts of your own hearts and eyes" Also see Deuteronomy 22 and Matthew 23
 - B. Jesus' teaching - "everything they do is for men to see" - We want to be noticed and gain recognition from others – Matthew 6 "They have received their reward in full"
 - C. Source of significance drive - from God and should be fulfilled through His covenant relationships; ultimately fulfilled only by Him
 - D. Post Game Party – Saul's jealousy of David after the victory over Goliath
- V. **Conclusion - "God has made us for Himself and our hearts are restless until we find our rest in Him"**
 - A. Psalm 42:1-2 "My soul thirsts for God, for the living God"