

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

One in Purpose, One in Passion

TUNE: PLEADING SAVIOR

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F C^{7sus}_F F B^b F E_A B^bM⁷ C F C^{7sus}_F F B^b B^b_D E_C C F

1. One in pur - pose, one in pas - sion, One in heart with Je - sus Christ;
2. One in heart when needs are cry - ing, Do - ing all His love de - mands,
3. One in Christ with all God's chil - dren, One in hope and heart and voice,

F E_A B^b B^b_D F E_A B^bM⁷ C F B^b G^m7 E_C C^{7sus} C⁷ F

Blessed in Him be - yond all meas - ure, Filled with His a - bun - dant life;
Pray - ing, trust - ing, giv - ing bold - ly All He placed here in our hands.
Lift - ing high our Fa - ther's glo - ry, Liv - ing love with ho - ly joy.

F C⁷_G E_A F B^b F E_C C F C⁷_G F^{add9}_A E_A B^b C^{sus} C

One in Spir - it, one in pow - er, One in faith and sac - ri - fice,
His com - pas - sion, His pro - vis - ion - Giv - ing is our Lord's de - light!
One in pur - pose, one in pas - sion, One in death, and one in life,

F E_A B^b F E_A B^bM⁷ C F F⁷_A B^b B^b_D E_C C^{7sus}C⁷ F

One in suf - fring, one in glo - ry, We are one with Je - sus Christ.
As we share His end - less trea - sure, We are one with Je - sus Christ.
Earth and heav - en, now, for - ev - er, We are one with Je - sus Christ.

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PLEADING SAVIOR
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Living in Christ

LEAD-IN: *I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit.* (John 15:5, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

One with Christ*

God's goal and desire is to make us one with Himself. Each of us. All of us. That has always been His amazing purpose.

But for many believers, Jesus is like an unnoticed guest, shut up in some little-visited closet in a corner of their house. He has been there since they believed in Him and received Him. He longs to make Himself known to them, to be one with them in their daily lives and share in all their interests. But He will not force Himself on anyone. They walk through their lives unaware of their Guest, ignorant of their marvelous privileges. They come and go, lay their plans, make their decisions, pursue their joys here and there, long for peace, stumble through relationships, and inwardly mourn their unsatisfying lives, all with little reference to Him.

Believer, hear this beautiful, life-changing truth: the Lord is with you! The Lord is in you! Throw open every door to Him. Make Him the center of every part of your life. Talk to Him. Thank Him. Consult Him. Trust Him. Lean on Him. Get to know Him.

But this picture of Jesus as a guest doesn't fully express the reality. He longs to join His innermost life—His very breath—to our innermost life, to the essence of who we are. Through a living relationship, built on trust, He will come more and more into real union with us. His will becomes our will. His actions become our actions. His love, His passion, His holiness become increasingly ours—not in theory, not in ecstatic emotion, not someday and far away—but now, in living, daily reality.

Like every part of salvation, this happens by God's love, through simple faith. It comes by turning to Him and trusting Him, one step at a time.

**"One with Christ" was inspired by chapter 17 of "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life", by Hannah Whitall Smith, 1875.*