

## XXVI. The Communion of the Saints

### What is communion?

#### A. Union and Communion

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*1. All saints—who are united to Jesus Christ their head by his Spirit and by faith—have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory. And, being united to one another in love, they participate in each other's gifts and graces and are obligated to perform those public and private duties which lead to their mutual good, both inwardly and outwardly.*

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#### 1. United in Christ

Eph. 3:16-17, 1 John 1:3

In his \_\_\_\_\_

John 1:16-17

In his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Rom. 6:6-7

In his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Rom. 8:17

This union is both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

This union is \_\_\_\_\_

Eph. 5:31-32

#### 2. United to one another

Eph 4:15-16

#### 3. Communion is both spiritual and physical

(inward and outward); Believers as a community

1 Cor. 12:7, 12

**Inward:**

Rom 1:11-12

**Outward:**

1 John 3:16-17