

# H Y M N S

## Concerning Our Union with the Triune God

“We know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding that we might know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life” (1 John 5:20). God in His Son has come and has given us an understanding, i.e., a faculty, a new sense, by which we may know the true God. And we not only know Him, but we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. To be “in Him” indicates that we have entered into an organic union with God, having been put into the Son, who is God manifest in the flesh.

This hymn, written by Watchman Nee, penetrates with rich expression into the full depths of our organic union with the Triune God in the Son. “One with Thee” is the jubilant refrain of this hymn, which is a celebration of our metabolic mingling with the Son in many aspects. In stanza 1, we are one with Him as the “Son eternal, / Joined by faith in spirit one.” The reality of our oneness is the mingled spirit—the Spirit of the Son is joined with our human spirit, to become one spirit (1 Cor. 6:17). By this mingling, the Spirit brings into us all that the Son is, has, and has accomplished, with the result that we share in the Son’s all-inclusive death and in His all-conquering life. By the mingled spirit, we also enjoy, in the “Son beloved,” the mingling of the divine and human natures—God and man have become one! We are a part of Him! The Son’s Father is “our one Father” (John 20:17), and we are “heirs” with Him of the Father (Rom. 8:17).

Stanza 2 continues to explore the profoundness of our union with Him as the “Son incarnate.” We are born with

Him of our one Father (Heb. 2:11); thus, His incarnation is duplicated in us. We are members of His Body. We sojourn with Him here on earth, indicating that He is now living in our human living. In our joint living, we are one with Him as the “Son anointed,” sharing with Him the power of His anointing Spirit. In full cooperation, we labor with Him hour by hour.

- 1 One with Thee, Thou Son eternal,  
Joined by faith in spirit one,  
Share we in Thy death inclusive  
And Thy life, O God the Son.  
One with Thee, Thou Son beloved,  
Part of Thee become thru grace,  
Heirs with Thee of our one Father,  
We’re Thy Spirit’s dwelling place.
- 2 One with Thee, Thou Son incarnate,  
Born with Thee, the Man of worth,  
We, the members of Thy body,  
Sojourn with Thee here on earth.  
One with Thee, Thou Son anointed,  
Sharing too the Spirit’s power,  
We in full cooperation  
Labor with Thee hour by hour.
- 3 One with Thee, Thou Son forsaken,  
Judgment and the curse we’ve passed;  
We to sin are dead forever,  
Hell beneath our feet is cast.  
One with Thee in resurrection,  
Death can never us oppress;  
Live we in Thy new creation,  
Bearing fruits of righteousness.
- 4 One with Thee, Thou Son ascended,  
Seated with Thee on the throne,  
Thine authority we share and  
Rule with Thee, Thy rank our own.  
One with Thee, Thou Son returning,  
Glorified with Thee we’ll be,  
E’er to manifest Thy beauty,  
One with Thee eternally.

Stanza 3 probes more deeply into our organic joining with the “Son forsaken.” Through His all-terminating death on the cross, we also passed through judgment and were made dead to sin forever. Through the cross, “hell beneath our feet is cast” (Rev. 20:14). And because we are also united with Him in resurrection, death can never oppress us again (1 Cor. 15:54-57; Heb. 2:14-15). Now we are those living in the new creation (2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 6:3-5). In Him we are made right with God and right with man, so we bear the “fruits of righteousness” (Heb. 12:11).

In the final verse, our oneness with Him ascends to the peak: We are one with the “Son ascended”; we are seated with Him on His throne (Eph. 2:6); and we share His authority to rule with Him (Matt. 28:18-20; Rom.

5:17). He lifts us to such a standing that His rank is our own; i.e., in ruling and reigning, we fully represent Him (Rev. 3:21; 5:10). And when He comes again in glory as the “Son returning,” we will be glorified with Him (Rom. 8:30; Col. 3:4). Our oneness will thus blossom into full maturity, and we will manifest His beauty for eternity. Our hearts can only echo in blessed reverence: “One with Thee!”

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