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Lesson 8 - Unio Mystica: Am I Alone?
John 14:19-20

I. Introduction – What is a mystery?

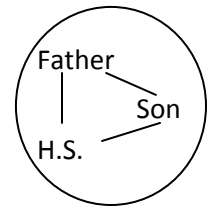
- A. Sphere design - review of the family and church (Eph 5:31-32)
- B. Scriptural themes of intimacy, union, & oneness

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" Eph 2:19-22
- 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

Love one another (1 Pet 1:22)
Bear one another's burdens (Gal 6:2)
Pray for one another (Jam 5:16)
Forebear one another (Eph 4:2)
Be kind to one another (Eph 4:32)
Admonish one another (Col 3:16)
Build one another up (Rom 14:19)
Give preference to one another (Rom 12:10)
Live in harmony with one another (Rom 12:16)
Encourage one another (1 Thess 5:11)
Submit to one another (Eph 5:21)
Serve one another (Gal 5:13)
Accept one another (Rom 15:7)
Be devoted to one another (Rom 12:10)
Teach one another (Col 3:16)
Comfort one another (Thess 4:18)
Forgive one another (Eph 4:32)
Be of the same mind as one another (Rom 15:5)
Regard one another as more important (Phil 2:3)

IV. Hunger for significance

- A. Tassels – Numbers 15:38-39 - "...so you will ...not prostitute yourselves by going after the lusts of your own hearts and eyes" Also see Deuteronomy 22 and Matthew 23:1-7
1Sam18:6-10 Goliath
- 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
1Sam18:6-10

V. Conclusion – "God has made us for Himself and our hearts are restless until we find our rest in Him" – Psalm 42:1-2 "My soul thirsts for God, for the living God"
Isaiah 55:1-2

K e y T e r m s
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Buyer's Remorse: A strong feeling of guilt or regret when one has made a purchase of something that would deeply satisfy, but it does not.

Hunger for Significance: A God-given, inherent drive within humans that desires recognition and relational significance. Dr. Tackett compares our significance drive to our sexual drive—holy and divine when fulfilled within God's design. We often distort this drive and attempt to find our significance in material possessions, our career, our spouse, etc.

Phylacteries: Small boxes containing slips of paper with scripture written on them that were fastened on the foreheads of scribes (see Numbers 15:38, Deuteronomy 22:12)]. Jesus references phylacteries in Matthew 23:1-7.

Prostitute: Somebody who receives money in return for sexual acts or a person who sells their abilities, talent, or skills for an unworthy purpose. When we look to other means of fulfilling our drive for significance, God says we are "prostituting ourselves."

Tassels: God commanded the children of Israel to tie tassels on their robes in order help the remember the commands of the Lord. See Numbers 15:38-39.

Unio Mystica: The mystical union that exists between God and man. Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, God has invited us into an intimate, personal relationship with Him. In a larger sense, this mystery extends to the intimate union found within marriage and the church.