Union with Christ
Diagram #1

Evangelical Detachment
Evangelicalism emphasizes “doing” rather than “being” Deistic concept of God - detached and separated. Transcendence instead of immanence.
“God’s up in heaven; I am here on earth.”

Objectification
God in heaven is angry. Jesus tries to appease. Jesus died for sins of man. Jesus went to heaven to convince Father to impute benefits of His death to man God willing to “declare righteous” and grant new status, standing, and position. Christian has ambiguous “relationship” with Christ.

Double-minded Duality

Concept of “Self”
Self-denigrating/deprecating “Just a sinner saved by grace” “Still a dirty old man” Self-surrender, brokenness Self-crucifixion, “Die to self”

Christ and the Christian
“If any man does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His” - Rom. 8:9
“The Spirit bears witness with our spirit, that we are children of God” - Rom. 8:16
“...the life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God” - Gal. 2:20b

Analogies
vessel/contents analogy - II Cor. 4:7
branch/vine analogy - Jn. 15:3-5
house/occupant analogy - II Cor. 5:1
temple/god analogy - I Cor. 3:16; 6:19
body/head analogy - I Cor. 12:27; Rom. 12:15
wife/husband analogy - Eph. 5:24,25,32

Indwelling Trinity
God the Father
“God abides in us” - I Jn. 4:12,15,16
God the Son
“Christ lives in me” - Gal. 2:20
“Christ in you, the hope of glory” - Col. 1:27
“Jesus Christ is in you” - II Cor. 13:5
God the Spirit
“His Spirit who indwells you” - Rom. 8:11
“Holy Spirit who dwells in us” - II Tim. 1:14

Derived Identity
“sons” because Son lives in us - Gal. 4:6,7
“holy ones” because Holy One lives in us - Acts 3:14; 4:27,30
“righteous” because Righteous One lives in us - Acts 3:14; 7:52
“perfect” because Perfect One lives in us - Heb. 7:28

Christian fully Human
We retain our “personal individuality” and humanity.
Distinction of “yourself” - Rom. 6:11,13; II Cor. 13:5; II Tim. 2:15; II Jn. 8; Jude 21

Spiritual Union
“The one who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him” - I Cor. 6:17
“I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who lives, But Christ lives in me” - Gal. 2:20a
Partakers:
“partakers of the divine nature” - II Pet. 1:4
“partakers of Christ” - Heb. 3:1
“partakers of the Holy Spirit” - Heb. 6:4
Fellowship:
“our fellowship with the Father...Son” - I Jn. 1:3
“called into fellowship with Son” - I Cor. 1:9
“fellowship with the Spirit” - Phil. 2:1
“In Christ”
“By His doing you are in Christ Jesus”- I Cor 1:30
“Every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ Jesus” - Eph. 1:3
“We are seated in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus” - Eph. 2:6
Life
“Our life is hid with Christ in God” - Col. 3:3
“Christ is our life” - Col. 3:4

Identity Union
“anyone in Christ, is a new creature”- II Cor. 5:17
“you have put on new man”- Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10
“child of God” - Jn. 1:12; Rom. 8:16; I Jn. 3:1,2
“son of God” - Rom. 8:17; Gal. 3:16
“saint” - Rom. 8:27; Eph. 1:18; 4:12
“holy and blameless” - Col. 1:22
“righteous” - Rom. 5:19; II Cor. 5:21
“perfect” - Phil. 3:15; Heb. 10:14; 12:23
“accepted” - Rom. 8:1; 15:7; Eph. 1:6

Collective Identity Union
“people of God” - I Pet. 2:10
“kings and priests” - I Pet. 2:9; Rev. 1:6
“Body of Christ” - Rom. 12:15; I Cor. 12:13

Monistic Merging
Distinction is denied. Union is lost in “oneness” “God only” exists in and as all things.
“God is all in all”
Pantheism, Panentheism
“Only one Person in the universe. (Denial of the Trinity) “Spirit is the only reality”
Universalism - Christ is intrinsically present in all.

False Union
Essential union of man with God.
- equivalence, absorbed, consubstantial, merged, indistinguishable, fused, coalescence.
Organic Union - same organism
Hypostatic Union
Christian is deified, divinized, supernaturalized

View of Humanity
Depersonalized reductionism “I am no longer human.”
“I am not; only He is”
Obliteration, annihilation, dissolution, abandonment, displacement, replacement

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