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## PREFACE

I HAVE been asked to reprint in compendious form the chapter of my "Systematic Theology" on Union with Christ, and in this way to make it accessible to a wider circle of readers. On account of its scholastic method of treatment, I have hesitated to offer it to the general public. But further solicitations have overcome my fears, and I now print the chapter, which occupies pages 793-809 of the larger work, with the hope that it may meet the needs of some who are not theological students.

Let me add a quotation from an earlier essay in my book "Philosophy and Religion," pages 220-225, a few sentences with regard to the effects upon the world which may be expected to follow the full recognition by the church of this doctrine of Union with Christ: "Humanity is a dead and shattered vine, plucked up from its roots in God, and fit only for the fires. But in Christ, God has planted a

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new vine, a vine full of his own divine life, a vine into which it is his purpose one by one to graft these dead and withered branches, so that they may once more have the life of God flowing through them and may bear the fruits of heaven. It is a supernatural, not a natural, process. But the things that are impossible with men are possible with God, and the process shall not cease until he has gathered together in one all things in Christ, and in him has perfectly redeemed and glorified the humanity for which and to which Christ has given his life."

AUGUSTUS H. STRONG.

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