

**UNION WITH CHRIST IN THE WRITINGS
OF ELLEN G. WHITE**

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Building on the work of the nineteenth-century theologian, Augustus Strong, five historical approaches to union with Christ identified by Bruce Demarest in the late twentieth century include: an ontological union, a sacramental union, a covenantal union, a moral or filial union, and an experiential union. Given the identification of multiple approaches to union with Christ, my dissertation attempts to clarify Ellen G. White's concept of union with Christ, using Demarest's categories as an evaluation tool. I traced the development of her writings on union with Christ from 1860 to 1898, to ask whether White's approach is best described as an ontological, sacramental, covenantal, moral or filial, or experiential union. While elements of some of the approaches Demarest identified are evident in White's writings, such as the need for believers to experience Christ for themselves, no one category fits White's approach exclusively.