**Lesson 8 - Unio Mystica: Am I Alone?**

1. **Introduction – What is a mystery?**
	1. Sphere design - review of the family and church
	2. Scriptural themes of intimacy, union, & oneness
2. **The Mystical Union**
	1. Between a husband and wife
	2. Between Christ and His church
	3. 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"
	4. Unique and particular social laws and the blurring of spheres
3. **Unity - The Body of Christ - Making many One**
	1. Many members – we form one body with unique gifts and roles
	2. The Mystery of Christ – "... for you are all one in Christ Jesus"
	3. 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
4. **Hunger for significance**
	1. Tassels – Numbers 15 - " ...so you will ...not prostitute yourselves by going after the lusts of your own hearts and eyes" Also see Deuteronomy 22 and Matthew 23
	2. 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"
	3. Source of significance drive - from God and should be fulfilled through His covenant relationships; ultimately fulfilled only by Him
	4. Post Game Party – Saul's jealousy of David after the victory over Goliath
5. **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"