**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"