

OUR HOSEA EQUATION:

(1) Union with Christ + (2) Conception = (3) Manifestation

➤ **There is an order to the conceptions**

➤ **This shows the order of our growth in Christ Crucified**

There is a simple formula to the searching that we are doing in the scriptures found in the book of Hosea. If we can use this formula as a template to lay over all the different areas we will be looking at, then it will be much less confusing.

In the first classes of our study we looked at the first verses in chapter one of Hosea. It is within these first sentences that we find the Lord giving us this template that helps explain the whole book.

If we do not really comprehend this basic template upon which the book of Hosea functions, then we will be confused much of the time. If we take the time to digest this equation, then I believe this search in Hosea will be much more fruitful for all of us.

Please spend time meditating, praying, and re-reading the scriptures in Hosea with this basic equation in mind and heart.

1.) Union with Christ

a. EVERYTHING BEGINS IN GOD.

i. "In the beginning... God" (Jn:1:1)

ii. Apart from HIM nothing exists or is made (Jn.1:3, Col. 1:16-19).

b. OUR BEGINNING is IN CHRIST

i. Christ makes us a partaker of all that is in God through union into Him.

ii. We are not the Source of the Fullness. Apart from Him we are dead.

iii. IF WE DO NOT START IN UNION WITH CHRIST, then there is NO FRUIT.

OUTSIDE OF UNION INTO CHRIST WE CAN DO NOTHING (Jn. 15:5).

LAY THIS TEMPLATE OVER ANYTHING and find its true beginning in God and our true beginning into it through union into Christ.

2.) Conception

- a. **We must conceive of the Word of God in the power of the Holy Spirit in order to be conformed to the image of Christ and bring forth His Life**
- b. **This must go beyond information learning into the knowing that can only happen through union.**
- c. **When we “abide as a bride” like Gomer did, then there will be a greater engrafting of the Word of Life into our hearts, there will be a sowing of the Word of God into good ground.**

3.) Manifestation

- a. **Because the Word of God was received through union and not learning, it brings forth the Son in and through us. When we receive the Word of God in this manner it finds conception in our hearts and eventually Christ is manifested through us to the world!**

There is an order to the conceptions: Knowing Christ as our Life is progressive. Each knowing of Him opens the door for more maturity and conformity in His image.

We find this “order in knowing” that brings forth growth (His increase in us) is seen all throughout the scriptures and very clearly in the book of Romans.

Lesson Four Homework

1. What is the equation we are using as we study Hosea?
2. Explain why there is in order to Gomer's conceptions and what that represents.
3. What is the difference between "Information" and "Conception"? Why is it that information cannot bring forth manifestation?
4. How can understanding God's "order of knowing" help us in our daily walk with the Holy Spirit?
5. What does Jezreel represent in the book of Hosea chapter one?
6. How can our equation be applied to Jezreel in chapter one?
7. What is the importance of what is represented in Gomer's first conception in the order of maturity and continued growth in the Lord?