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Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

I'm reading today from the **Book of Colossians**. If you would like to follow along, open your Bible to **Colossians Chapter 3**. The apostle Paul says in verses 10 and 11, "You have put on the new man." There has been a new creation, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him who created thee. Where there is no nationality (that is, "*neither Greek nor Jew*"). There are no religious works (circumcision or uncircumcision), nor Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free (no social status), but where "*Christ is all and in all.*"

This new man renewed in knowledge after the image of God who created him, in this new man, there is no nationality (*Greek or Jew*). There are no religious works (*circumcision or uncircumcision*), no social status based on education, wealth, wisdom, or power (*Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free*). "*Christ is all and in all.*" Now, that is my text and subject for today. The Title for today is: "**CHRIST IS ALL.**" That is my creed, Christ is all and in all. My friends, this is my hope that Christ is all and in all.

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These words are few; Christ is all! The words are short and one syllable; Christ is all. These words are quickly spoken; Christ is all. These six words contain great, great things. These six words are the very essence and substance of Christianity, true Christianity. These words are the very essence and substance of our relationship with God and our hope of life eternal; “*Christ is all and in all.*”

If we can understand these six words and enter into exactly what they are saying, that Christ is all and not you, anyone else or anything else, then you understand that Christ is all. This new creation in this new man, in this creation by God, “*Christ is all and in all.*” If we can enter into the meaning of those words, it is well with our souls. If we cannot enter into the meaning of those words, then we have a lot to learn. Christ is all!

The scriptures are clear on this subject. In **John 3:35**, the scripture says; “*The Father loveth the Son and hath given all things into His hands,*” all things. **Ephesians 1:22** says, “*The Father hath put all things under His feet and the Father hath given Him to be the head of all things.*” In **Colossians 2:9**, it says; “*In Him, dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.*” Christ is all and in all!

Let me take you back a little way and bring you up to the present. First of all, Jesus Christ is all in the first creation. We talked about the new man created in the image of God. There was this new creature, this new man. In the first creation, Christ is all because He is before all things. He prayed in **John 17**, He said; “*Father, glorify Thou Me with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was.*” Christ is before all things. I’m talking about Jesus Christ. I’m talking about Jesus of Nazareth.

He didn’t begin his existence in Bethlehem’s manger. He came into the world. Christ Jesus came into the world. He that ascended is the same that descended. “*The Word of God was made flesh and dwelt among us.*” In **Proverbs 8**, it says this; “*When there were no depths, I was brought forth. When there were no fountains abounding with water, before the mountains were settled, before the hills were brought forth, when God prepared the heavens, I was there.*” This is Christ speaking. **Revelation 3:14** says, “*Jesus Christ is the beginning of the creation of God,*” whatever that means. I really don’t know but I know that “*He is before all things.*”

Not only is He before all things, “*But all things were made by Him.*” That is what John said in **John 1**, “*In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God and all things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made.*” **Colossians 1:16** says, “*By him were all things made that are in heaven, earth, under the earth, visible and invisible. Principalities, powers or whatever, all things were made by Him and for Him.*” It continues on in that same **Chapter of Colossians 1**, and says; “*He upholds all things. By Him all things (exist) consist.*”

He has power and authority over all things. He said in **Matthew 28**, “*I have all authority in heaven and in earth.*” He told His disciples to go preach the gospel because you represent one who has all authority in heaven and in earth. He prayed in **John 17**; “*Father,*

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Thou hast given Me power over all flesh.” I’m talking about Jesus Christ. *“He has the keys of hell and death.”* Did you know that? That is what the Bible says.

“He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is the heir of all things.” Listen to **Hebrews 1:2**, *“God has in these last days spoken to us by His Son whom He hath appointed heir of all things.”* Christ is all! He is before all things. By Him were all things made. For Him were all things made. *“He upholdeth all things by the Word of His power.”* By Him all things consist. He has power and authority over all things and all creatures. He has all authority in heaven and in earth. Everything belongs to Him because the Father has given it to Him.

“The Father loves the Son and hath given all things into His hands.” Did you know that? Preacher, are you talking about Jesus, “sweet little Jesus, and poor little Jesus?” Is this the Jesus that preachers are talking about being “pitiful?” This is not the “Jesus” that I am talking about. I am talking about the victorious, conquering, seated, reigning King of Kings and Lord of Lords, whose name is Jesus Christ.

He is all in the old creation and in the first creation. Come a little farther down the line; Christ is all in the new creation. Christ is all in the new creation.

Here are seven things that you need to consider. I will try to give them to you briefly:

First: Christ is all in the covenant. The word covenant is in the Bible over 300 times. We’ve got the covenant that God made with Adam. We’ve got the covenant of works, the covenant with Noah, the covenant with Moses, and the covenant with David. The Bible talks about an “everlasting covenant.” This covenant is everlasting both ways. It is called a new covenant because it is newly revealed. It is not newly established or purposed, it is before all things. It is newly revealed.

That which was given to Adam had to be revealed first. Grace in Christ was revealed secondly. Jesus Christ is all in that covenant, that everlasting covenant, that covenant of grace. Jesus Christ is all in that covenant of the kingdom, that covenant that shall be fulfilled.

There was the covenant of mercy. He’s all in that covenant. *“He’s the lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”* He is called the Surety of the new covenant. He’s called the Mediator of the new covenant. *“He brought again from the dead, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant.”* This is the covenant in which David rejoiced when he was dying. David said, *“All though it be not so with my house; God hath made with me, a covenant; ordered in all things and sure. This is all my salvation and all my desire.”*

He’s the Mediator of the New Testament, the new covenant. What is a testament? Well, you may be familiar with the saying, “Last will and testament.” Some of you already have your last Will and Testament. This Will and Testament is not in effect is it? You say, “Of

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course not preacher, I'm not dead." That's right! A Will and Testament is only in effect when the testator dies. That is right isn't it?

A covenant is a testament. This covenant of God's grace is only in effect because the Mediator, the Testator, Christ Jesus, died. What He willed to us and gave to us and purchased for us is given to us. He is seated on the throne to enforce His will and His Testament. That last Will and Testament you made, could be defeated in court; it could be overturned. You may be dead and can't do anything about it. But, my Lord lives and He executes His own covenant and testament.

Christ is everything in the Testament and the Covenant. He's all in election. He's the first elect. God calls Him, "*Mine elect.*" The poet says this:

Christ be my first elect, God said,
Then He chose His people in their head.

Ephesians 1, Paul said, "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ. According, as He chose us in Christ. In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins, through His blood.*" He is all in the covenant.

He's all in election and He's all in justification. "*Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. There is therefore now, no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus.*" **Romans 8:34** says; "*Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, is risen again, who is exalted and who even makes intercession for us.*"

Then, He is all in the putting away of sin. **Hebrews 9** says; "*Once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. When He had by Himself purged our sins, He sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on High.*" Do you see what I am saying?

Christ is all in the covenant. Christ is all in this truth of election. Christ is all in justification. Christ is all in the putting away of sin. "*He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for iniquities. By His stripes we are healed.*" He is all in righteousness. He is called in **Jeremiah 23:6**; "*The Lord our Righteousness.*" **Second Corinthians 5:21** says, "*He was made sin for us who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.*" Again, He says in **Romans 10:4**, "*Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.*" Jesus Christ is all!

Christ doesn't make a down payment and you pay the installment plan. He is all! He is all in the covenant, in election, in justification, in righteousness, in the putting away of sin, and in our acceptance with God. "*We are accepted in the beloved.*" That is what the scripture says. **Hebrews 4:** says; "*Seeing, we have such a High Priest, let us come boldly before the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*" In

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Hebrews 10, it says, *“Having boldness brethren, to enter into the Holiest by the blood of Jesus.”* By which He hath opened for us, into God’s presence, a new and living way, through His flesh and through His blood.” He is our entire acceptance. *“We are accepted in the beloved.”*

Then, He is all in salvation. The Bible says, *“Neither is there salvation in any other. There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, Christ Jesus the Lord.”* He said, *“I am the way, the truth and the life. No man comes to the Father but by Me.”*

God is going to judge the world. He is all in judgment. *“The Father judgeth no man. He hath committed all judgment to the Son.”* He has appointed a day in which all men are going to be judged by that man Christ Jesus. Whereof, He is given witness to the whole world in that He raised Him from the dead. *“No man knoweth the Father but the Son and he to whom the Son will reveal Him.”* Christ is all in salvation!

I wish I could make that clear. When a person speaks of knowledge of God, it is impossibility apart from Christ. That is what I am saying. When a person talks about a relationship with God and being accepted with God, *“Two can’t walk together except they be agreed.”* If God accepts me to walk with Him, as Enoch of old, how is He going to accept me? He can only accept me in the beloved.

How is God going to put away my sin? How is a just God, a Holy God, and a Righteous God, going to put away my sins and still be just? Well, *“He has set forth His Son to be a propitiation, (a mercy seat), through faith in His blood that He might be just and justifier, a just God and a Saviour.”*

He is all in justification and righteousness. *“Who is going to stand in His presence? Who is going to ascend into the hill of the Lord? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart.”* We don’t have that! Well, how are we going to ascend; how are we going to stand? The answer is, we stand only in Christ. So, when one speaks of knowledge of God or a relationship with the living God, he must understand that Jesus Christ is all, from God. He’s all to God and He’s all with God. Is that clear? He is all, from God. The Father sent the Son to redeem us. He is all to God. *“No man cometh to the Father but by Me.”* He is all, with God. *“God has given Him a name above every name. At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord.”*

Listen to **John 5:21-22**, *“For as the Father raiseth up the dead and quickeneth them, even so the Son quickeneth whomsoever He will. For the Father judgeth no man, but He hath committed all judgment to the Son that all men should honor the Son as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father who sent Him.”* Did I get that across? *“He that honoreth not the son honoreth not the Father that sent Him.”* Christ is all in salvation!

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Thirdly: Jesus Christ is all in the scriptures. That's right! He is all in the scriptures; He is all in the gospel; and He's all in the ministry of God's Word. It is of Christ that the scriptures speak. He said one day to the religious Pharisees; "*You search the scriptures.*" You're busy studying the scriptures. "*But, they are they which testify of Me. And, you will not come to Me that you might have life.*" What are the scriptures all about? The scriptures are all about Christ.

"To Him, give all the prophets witness." Who are the prophets here? Well, there are Moses, Job, Isaiah, Jeremiah and others. "*To Christ give all the prophets witness.*" The Pharisees said to Christ, "*We have Moses.*" He said to them, "*Moses wrote of Me.*" It is Christ that the apostles preached.

Listen to these scriptures: In **Acts 5**, it says; "*Daily, in the temple, in every house, they ceased not to preach Christ. Then Phillip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ.*" In Acts 8:35, it says; "*Then Phillip opened his mouth and began at the same scripture and preached unto him, Christ.*" In **Acts 10:36**, Peter preached the Word, preaching Christ. "*He is Lord of all.*" **Acts 11:20**, "*When they came to Antioch they spake to the Greeks, preaching the Lord Jesus Christ.*" The apostles preached Christ.

The scriptures preach Christ. It is Christ that I am trying to preach. "*God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of Christ. I'm determined to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified.*" This is because He is all!

Someone said, "Well, there is something else to preach." Not if He is all! Whatever else you preach, you preach in its relationship to Him. He is all! If I have Christ, I have all. If I do not have Christ, whatever I have, I have nothing that shall abide. It is Christ that we preach. "*We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord.*" It is Christ who sends us to preach. "*As My Father sent Me, so send I you.*" You take Christ out of the gospel; my friend, you have no gospel and you have no good news.

Are you in darkness? He is the light. Are you poor? He is our riches. Are you hungry? "*He is the bread.*" Are you thirsty? "*He is the water of life.*" Are you weary? "*Christ is our rest.*" Are you in trouble? "*Christ is our peace.*" Are you sick? "*He is the great physician.*" Are you bound by sin? "*He came to set the captive free.*" Are you blind? Christ gives sight. Are you lost? "*Christ came to seek and to save the lost.*" Are you a sinner? "*He is the friend of sinners.*" Christ is all!

Come ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore,
Jesus Christ is able to save you
Full of pity, love and power.

Come ye sinners, heavy laden
Bruised and mangled by the fall,
If you wait til you are better

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You'll never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger
Nor a fitness fondly dream,
All the fitness He requires
Is to fill your need of Him.

He is all! Christ is all in the ordinances. One of the ordinances is baptism. What is baptism? Baptism is nothing without Christ. It means nothing! It would be a foolish, foolish, action without Christ. You see; baptism sets forth His death, His burial, and His resurrection. Baptism sets forth, when we are baptized, our burial with Him. That includes our death, burial and resurrection. *"We walk in newness of life."* That is baptism and that is Christ.

What is the Lord's Table? It is communion. You take the wine and the bread. What is it? Without Christ it is nothing. Without Christ, it is a silly thing. It would be a superstitious thing without Christ. The bread is His body broken for you. The wine is His blood shed for you. What do we do? *"We show forth His death until He comes."* Why do we do it? *"We do it in remembrance of Him."* This is the Lord's Table and it is Christ. He is all!

People engage in prayer for various reasons. Real prayer without Christ is nothing. We pray in His Name. We pray by the help of His Spirit. We know what the things for which we should pray except the Holy Spirit leads us.

He's the only Mediator. *"God says there's one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."* Our prayers aren't even heard except by Him, through Him and because of Him. Every gift is from Him. Christ is all in the ordinances. He is all in worship. God said, *"Let all the angels of God worship Him. He is the head of the church, that in all things He might have the preeminence."* I'll tell you something else, Christ is all in every grace we have. Paul said one time, *"I labored more abundantly than all of you, yet not I, but Christ in me."* Everything we have is the result of His indwelling within us.

His goodness leads us to repentance. Faith is His gift, the gift of God. *"Love is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit."* Christ is my hope. There is life, *"Christ who is our life shall appear."* He's our security, *"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before His presence with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord, be honor and glory and power both now and forever."* He is my security, and my rest. *"Come unto Me, He said, and I will give you rest."* Christ is all!

So, these are my conclusions. If Jesus Christ is all and in all to me, then the loss of anything or anyone in this world for His sake, is no loss at all. If He is all, and if I haven't really lost anything unless I lose Him, because He is all.

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If Jesus Christ is all to me, then I can say with Jacob, “*I have everything.*” When Jacob tried to give Esau a gift. Esau said, “*I’ve got plenty.*” But Jacob said, “*Take it; I’ve got everything, I’ve got all.*”

If Jesus Christ is all to me; then the pleasures and the prophets and the honors of this world won’t be so interesting. Paul said, “*I know how to be abased and I know how to abound. I know how to suffer lost and I know how to hunger and I know how to have plenty.*” What he is saying is this, “I’ve been in all those conditions and it really doesn’t matter either way; Christ is all.” If Jesus Christ is all to me, then when death comes and I stand before God, I have no fear.

In closing:

The moon and stars shall lose their light
The sun shall sink in endless night,
Heaven and earth shall pass away
The works of nature shall all decay.

But they to whom Christ is all
Though lost and ruined by the fall,
Shall see the danger over pass.
Shall stand the storm and live at last
For what Christ said must be fulfilled.
And on this rock, believers build.
His blood will stand
His truth prevail.

Not one word, not one promise
Shall ever fail.

My friends, Christ is all and in all!