

All Things



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There is a recurring theme in the New Testament that thrills the heart of any believer born again from above – and that is the wondrous phrase “**all things**”. If anyone should ask you “What is the purpose of God; what is His grand plan?” - then use the answer as succinctly put in Romans 11:36, which reads:

**For OF Him, and THROUGH Him,
and TO Him, are all things.
To Him be the glory for ever. Amen.**

In this text is the great three-fold expression of God’s purpose. In these inspired words are the three great actions of the Father declared, namely, Creation, Redemption, and Restoration. These three cover Christ as the Source, the Agent, and the Goal itself. Jesus Christ, pre-existent as The Word, is the Beginning, the Now, and the Prize to come. This sums up everything that is eternal, rich and true about the Lord Jesus Christ.

It’s no wonder that Paul is moved (literally) to write “Amen” at the end of this awesome declaration. There would be nothing to say except “Amen” to it. It’s as though, right in the middle of his discourse Paul interjects with an exclamation of “Yes, this is so true, and I cannot but help to agree with it!”

“**Amen**” is a Hebrew word literally meaning; Faithful, True, Truth, Let it be so. To say “Amen” is like saying, “Yes, what has just been said is true, it is faithfully so, and I agree with it”

See the dramatic point being made? Here is a phrase so heavenly inspired, so true, so absolutely against contradiction, that Paul cannot but help to write AMEN to that. We can almost hear him verbally shouting in his room, Amen! This gives us a clue to the extraordinary revelation of this verse: Christ is the Source, the Maintainer, and indeed the very End of “all things”. So let’s take heart from this wondrous truth and digest its great breadth.

We start with the FIRST revelation – “OF Him”. This speaks to us of the pre-existent Christ (the Word) in the Past tense, particularly in relation to His part in Creation (as the Word of God). See how the following verses highlight this - and please take note of how often “all things” appears.

All things came into being through Him, and without Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being. Jhn 1:3

..but to us there is one God, the Father, of whom are **all things**, and we for Him, and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are **all things**, and we by Him. 1 Cor 8:6

..and to bring to light all, what is the fellowship of the mystery having been hidden from eternity in God, the One creating **all things** through Jesus Christ. Eph 3:9

For **all things** were created in Him, the things in the heavens, and the things on the earth, the visible and the invisible; whether thrones, or lordships, or rulers, or authorities, **all things** have been created through Him and for Him. Col 1:16

..in these last days did speak to us in a Son, whom He appointed heir of **all things**, through whom also He did make the ages. Heb 1:2

For it was fitting for Him, because of whom are **all things**, and through whom are **all things**, having brought many sons to glory, to perfect Him as the Author of their salvation through sufferings. Heb 2:10

Lord, You are worthy to receive the glory and the honour and the power, because You created **all things**, and through Your will they exist and were created. Rev 4:11

In the verses we see that everything flows out from Christ as Creator. Not only is He this, but also the very fountain of all true spiritual delights and favours, the source of every grace. By taking these verses to heart we see that nothing is by accident, certainly not creation. Evolution has no place here, and to believe in it, tears away the wondrous truth that “all things” were created “out of Him” to whom they owe their continued existence.

Now, to the SECOND revelation – “THROUGH Him”. This speaks of Christ as the Preserver in the Present. See once more how the phrase “all things” occurs. It’s starting to build a pattern for us, if we have eyes to see.

All things were yielded up to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father, except the Son, and the one to whom the Son purposes to reveal Him. Mtt 11:27

The Father loves the Son and has given **all things** into His hand. Jhn 3:35

Jesus knowing that the Father has given **all things** into His hands, and that He came out from God, and goes away to God. Jhn 13:3

All things which the Father has are Mine. For this reason I said that He receives from Mine and will announce to you. Jhn 16:15



In the above verses we can see that the Father has delivered “all things” into the **HANDS** of the Son. You may remember that old chorus, “He’s got the whole world in His hands”? Well, here are the texts that sum it up.

Not only do we see that “all things” progressed OUT of Him, but that those same “all things” are delivered up into His hands and are being sustained THROUGH Him. That is to say, through His ever-present power, He being the agent or maintainer who holds “all things” together.

The mystery and the wonder of even this part of the revelation is mind-blowing and should cause our thoughts to stand still in amazement. Well, it does to me! What a comfort and hope to know that He, out from whom “all things” proceed, is also the One who holds all together in His hands.

As we continue to see how God’s purpose is unfolding “through” Christ, we note that “all things” are not only in His hands, but also placed “under His **FEET**”. Don’t forget to look for the “all things” phrase!



For He subjected all things under His feet; but when He says that all things have been subjected, it is plain that it excepts Him who has subjected all things to Him. 1 Cor 15:27

..and He put all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the assembly. Eph 1:22

And He is the Head of the body, the assembly, who is the Beginning, the First-born out of the dead, that He be preminent in all things. Col 1:18

You have subjected all things under his feet. For in subjecting to him all things, He left nothing not subjected to him. But now we do not yet see all things having been subjected to him. Heb 2:8

First, we saw how “all things” are in Christ’s hands. Then we saw how “all things” are under His feet. Now we come to see how “all things” are **WORKING** because of Him.



But we know that to the ones loving God all things are working together for good, to those being called according to purpose. Rms 8:28

And He is before all things, and all things have subsisted in Him. Col 1:17

..who being the shining splendour of His glory, and the express image of His essence, and upholding all things by the Word of His power, having made purification of our sins through Himself, He sat down on the right of the Majesty on high. Heb 1:3

So we have seen three aspects of how the Father is working through the Son in this Present time. He is working here and now; note that the Greek emphasis that all things (lit.) “are working together”. In this present dispensation “all things” are in His hand, under His feet, and working together to accomplish the Father’s eternal purpose.

Now to our THIRD revelation – “TO Him”. Here we have a truth that speaks of Christ in the Future tense – “to” Him. The idea behind this is to declare that “all things” will definitely come to a point

(determined by the Father) where these shall not simply be made *subject* to Christ, but to bring them within His total sphere of operation and purpose.

So it will be (in the future) that Christ will marshal “all things” and cause them to be transformed and then subjected to His authority. What a moment that will be!

But when all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who has subjected all things to Him, that God may be all things in all. 1 Cor 15:28

..for an administration of the fullness of the times, He might bring together all things in Christ, those in heaven and those on the earth, in Him. Eph 1:10

He that came down is the same who also went up above all the heavens, that He might fill all things. Eph 4:10

Who will transform our body of humiliation, to be conformed to His body of glory, according to the working of Him to be able even to subject all things to Himself. Philp 3:21

..and through Him making peace by the blood of His cross, to reconcile all things to Himself; through Him, whether the things on the earth, or the things in the heavens. Col 1:20

And the One sitting on the throne said, Behold! I make all things new. And He says to me, Write, because these Words are faithful and true. Rev 21:5

To conclude: we have the three great expressions of the Father’s purpose, which are, that **all things** have come **out** of Christ, **all things** are continuing **through** Him, and **all things** will head **to** Him.

OF Him  Past tense

THROUGH Him  Present tense

TO Him  Future tense

**For of Him,
and through Him,
and to Him are all things.
To Him be the glory forever!
Amen.”**

What more is there to say, except a resounding “**Amen**”. Great and exciting “things” yet to come!

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