

The "All" Series...Final Episode



Have you ever thought how many songs that have the word "ALL" in the title?

* All Shook Up, Elvis Presley * Against All Odds, Phil Collins * * All In Love is Fair, Stevie Wonder, *All She Wants to Do Is Dance * All I Need Is You, Kenny Rogers, *Sarah Brightman and Cliff Richard * All At Once, Whitney Houston * All By Myself, Celine Dion * All of My Heart, ABC * All Over the World, ELO, (Electric Light Orchestra) * All the Love in the World, The Outfield * All Cried Out, Alison Moyet * All I Need Is A Miracle, Mike and the Mechanics * All the Man I Need, Whitney Houston * * All You Get From Love Is A Love Song, The Carpenters * All Of You, Diana Ross and Julio Iglesias * All of My Life, Phil Collins * All My Lovin', The Beatles * All I've Ever Wanted, Mariah Carey * All My Life, Mariah Carey * All in Your Mind, Mariah Carey, *All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth.

Hymns and Church Songs: All the Way My Savior Leads Me, All Hail the Power of Jesus Name, I Surrender All...and many, many more!

ALL-IN-ALL

O God of **all** being, we thirst for the truth: The wonder of **all** that You are.
You sing it and paint it through **all** You create -**All** beauty, each breath, every star.
Almighty, all-holy, one God All-in-all, Pure light, **all** around, **all** above,
We listen with awe as You whisper Your might, But mightily thunder Your love.

O God, we are weakness, so futile and small. We blossom and die in a day.
But You are the wholeness, the Source and the Goal, The heaven for which we were made,
Our hope, our completeness, the life and the love, The joy that our hearts **all** pursue.
Our rich satisfaction beyond every dream, Our fullness, O Father, is You!

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MUSIC: *The Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. by Ken Bible*

A REPEAT: How many times is the word "ALL" mentioned in the bible?

- ✓ The word "all" is in the King James Version of The Bible **5621** times. It is in 4664 verses.
- ✓ The Greek word for all is "**pas**." It can mean each, every, everything, any, all, the whole, complete, etc. The word "**pas**" is used over 1200 times in the New Testament.

What does it mean that “God will be ALL IN ALL” in 1 Corinthians 15:28?

1 Corinthians 15:28 **ESV**

“When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God **may be** all in all.”

“Then, when all things are under his authority, the Son will put himself under God’s authority, so that God, who gave his Son authority over all things, **will be** utterly supreme over everything everywhere.” 1 Corinthians 15:28, NLT

A Biblical Look at Authority in the Godhead:

The three Persons of the triune Godhead voluntarily submit to each other respecting the roles.

- They perform in creation and salvation. So, the Father sent the Son into the world (*1 John 4:10*). These roles are never reversed in Scripture: the Son never sends the Father. Likewise, the Holy Spirit is sent by Jesus and “proceeds from the Father” to testify of Christ (*John 14:26; 15:26*). And Jesus perfectly submitted His will to the Father’s (*Luke 22:42; Hebrews 10:7*).
- Biblically, all three Persons of the Trinity have the same essence, nature, and glory, but each One has different **roles** or activities when it comes to how God relates to the world. For example, our salvation is based on the Father’s power and love (*John 3:16; 10:29*), the Son’s death and resurrection (*1 John 2:2; Ephesians 2:6*), and the Spirit’s regeneration and seal (*Ephesians 4:30; Titus 3:5*). The different tasks that we see the Father, Son, and Spirit perform are the result of the eternal relationship that exists among the Persons of the Trinity.

God’s being “all in all” is rooted in the truth of Jesus’ resurrection and the resultant future, when Christ returns and “the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all” (1 Corinthians 15:28).

NOTE: Remember last week when I told you that we should not take one verse in the Bible and base our theology on that one verse. The verse has to be put in context. It doesn’t mean that the verse is not true, somewhat true, misleading...No, it is true!

So...let's see where this verse is important in context with all others:

- Paul begins 1 Corinthians 15 by discussing the gospel message, namely, that Jesus died, was buried, rose from the dead, and appeared to many witnesses (1 Corinthians 15:1-11).
- Some of the Corinthians had been claiming the resurrection was a false doctrine (1 Corinthians 15:12). Paul counters that the resurrection of Jesus and of those who believe in the gospel is crucial for the present process of becoming holy and the Christian's future glorification. As Paul states in 1 Corinthians 15:17-19, if the resurrection of Jesus is a false reality, the Christian's future resurrection is not a reality. Without the resurrection of Christ, the Christian is "of **all** men most to be pitied."
- Paul makes a clear defense of the **resurrection** of Christ beginning in 1 Corinthians 15:20. This resurrection will lead to a future resurrection for **all** those who have life through faith in Him. Jesus was the first person to be raised from the dead, never to die again. His is an eternal resurrection.
- As Jesus has led the way, other events will follow: the rapture (believers who have died before Jesus comes will be resurrected when He comes (1 Corinthians 15:23), and those believers still living will be made incorruptible and be raised (**transformed**) with and unto Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:50-58; cf. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17).

Note:

- After Jesus comes back to earth again with His bride (the church), He will bind Satan, set up an earthly kingdom, and physically rule for 1,000 years (Revelation 20:1-6).
- At the end of that time, Satan will be released from imprisonment, and Satan and his followers will rebel and be **destroyed** (Revelation 20:5-10).
- Jesus will then give authority back to the Father, and He Himself will be in subjection to the Father.
 - ✓ It's based on these truths that Paul claims, "God may be all in all." Ultimately, *all in all* is an expression of the rightful authority that God possesses.
 - ✓ In the future, when evil has been eradicated forever, God will reign as the unchallenged Supreme over all the universe. He will be the one and only Ruler of all hearts and lives and the only desire of His creatures. When God is **all in all**, our redemption will be fully accomplished, and God's glory will fill all creation (cf. Psalms 72:19).
 - ✓ **God's being "all in all" is expressed in the NLT as being "utterly supreme over everything, everywhere."** The last

enemy to be destroyed is death. For the Scriptures say, ‘God has put all things under his (Jesus) authority.’ . . . Then, when all things are under his authority, the Son will put himself under God’s authority, so that God, who gave his Son authority over all things, will be utterly supreme over everything everywhere” (1 Corinthians 15:23–28, NLT).

According to 1 Corinthians 15:28, Jesus will practically continue in an eternal submission to God the Father. However, Jesus is equal with God as the Second Person of the Trinity (John 8:58, He is the image of God. Just as God has absolute authority as Creator, Jesus has absolute authority as Creator. Colossians 1:15–16 states, “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.” Colossians 3:11 states, “Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

The Authoritarian Structure of the Heavenly Kingdom



Isaiah 55:8-9 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

WE AS CHRISTIANS SHOULD NOT TRY TO EXPLAIN THIS IN AN EARTHLY WAY...ONLY GOD UNDERSTANDS HOW THIS IS POSSIBLE!



*By and by, when the morning comes, When the saints of God are gathered home,
We'll tell the story how we've overcome; For we'll understand it better by and by .*

1 Corinthians: Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament by Paul Gardner