All Things In Him Consist

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"He (Jesus) is the <u>Image of the Invisible God</u>, the <u>Firstborn of All Creation</u>; for <u>in Him were all</u> <u>things created</u>, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible <u>and</u> invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: <u>all things were created through Him, and for</u> <u>Him</u>. And <u>He is before all things</u>, <u>and All Things In Him Consist</u>. And <u>He is the Head of the</u> <u>Body, the Church</u>; who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; so that <u>in all things</u> He might have the preeminence. For it pleased (the Father) that <u>in Him should all the fulness dwell</u>; and, having made peace **through the blood of His Cross**, through Him to reconcile <u>all things</u> to Himself; through Him, (I say,) whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven." (Colossians 1:15-17-20)

All Things: from the Greek word *panta* which means: all, <u>all-things</u>, everything; in the sense of "every part that applies."

In: from the Greek word <u>en</u> which means: <u>in</u>; a preposition denoting <u>position</u>: specifically 'inside' or 'within' (as in the place, or condition, or state, in which something operates from the inside). Again, in context: in the sense of "every part that applies." The absolute necessary place to be inside is: 'in' Christ Jesus!

Him: from the Greek word <u>auto</u> which means: <u>him;</u> speaking of Jesus: the Son of God, the Son of Man, in whom all the fullness dwells; in whom, and through whom all things were created: the heavens and the earth and all that they contain: every living creature, people, dominions, thrones, etc.,

Consist: from the Greek word <u>syn-esteken</u> a verb which means: <u>to stand together</u>; to stand firm together, <u>to consist</u>, (to hold-together). When applied to all creation it could be said that all creation (the physical universe) is 'held-together' in Him. When applied to all things comprising Body of Christ, the Church, it would be said 'all-things in Him <u>stand-together</u>.' This implies a sense of union, or unity of existence between Jesus and each true believer within the universal Church, whereby all '<u>stand together</u>' in Him and God the Father. Believers in Jesus, and Jesus in Believers!

Literal: "panta en auto syn-esteken" – "all-things in Him stand-together"

Only those things 'in Him' stand together with Him: people, rulers, nations: all who have found peace through the blood of the Cross, through the atoning death of Jesus on the Cross: all these are reconciled through Jesus back to the Father; and are now 'in Christ Jesus' and stand together in Jesus as the Body of Christ, the Church, of whom Jesus is the Head of the Body. Those who have not been reconciled to Christ Jesus, are 'outside' and separated from the Body of Christ Jesus, standing apart and not united in Him. They are those who are stained by sin and wickedness who are not in Him, nor He in them: who do not and cannot 'stand together' in unity of faith with and in Christ Jesus. Only those whose stain of sin has been washed clean through the blood of His Cross are held-together in Christ Jesus!

Who can be reconciled to, and be together in Christ Jesus? Sinners like these:

"As it is written, 'There is <u>none</u> righteous, no, <u>not one</u>. There is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God. They are all gone out of the way, they have together become unprofitable; there is none who does good, no, not one. Their throat is an open tomb; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood. Destruction and misery are in their ways; and the way of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes." (Romans 3:10-18)

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"Now we know that what ever things the law says, it says to those who are under the law; so that every mouth may be stopped, and <u>all the world may become guilty before God</u>. For that reason, by the deeds of the law there shall be no flesh justified in His sight; for by the law is the knowledge of sin. <u>But now</u> the righteousness of God apart from the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ **unto all and upon all those who believe**; for there is no difference; for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; **being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that** <u>is in Christ Jesus</u>; whom God has set forth to be a <u>Propitiation</u> through faith in His blood (His death on the Cross), to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God." (Romans 3:19-25)

The blessings of being 'in' Christ Jesus:

"He has abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He has purposed <u>in Himself</u>; so that in the dispensation of the fulness of times <u>He might gather together in one all things in</u> <u>Christ</u>, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even <u>in Him</u>; <u>in whom</u> we have also obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who works all things after the counsel of His own will; so that we should be to the praise of His glory, <u>who first trusted in Christ</u>. <u>In whom</u> you also trusted, after that you heard <u>the word of truth</u>, the Good-news of your salvation; <u>in whom</u> also after that you believed, <u>you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise</u>." (Ephesians 1:8-13)

"And you <u>He has made-alive</u>, who were dead in trespasses and sins; in which in time past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air (satan), the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience; among whom also <u>we all</u> conducted ourselves in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. <u>But God</u>, who is rich in mercy, for <u>His great love</u> with which He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, <u>has</u> <u>made-alive us together with Christ</u>; by grace you are saved; and has raised us up together, and made us <u>sit together</u> in heavenly places <u>in Christ Jesus</u>; so that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us <u>through Christ</u> Jesus. For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; and not by works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:1-8)

"Therefore, there is now <u>no condemnation</u> to those who are <u>in Christ Jesus</u>, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life <u>in Christ Jesus</u> has made <u>me free from the law of sin and death</u>. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, **sending His own Son** in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, <u>condemned sin in the flesh</u>; so that the righteousness of the law <u>might be fulfilled in us</u>, who do not walk after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For those who are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but <u>those who are after the Spirit</u> the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to <u>be spiritually minded is life and peace</u>. Because the carnal mind is at enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh, **but <u>in</u> the Spirit (of Christ Jesus)**, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if any man have does not have **the Spirit of Christ**, he is not His. And **if Christ is <u>in you</u>**, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him (the Father) who raised up Jesus from the dead <u>dwells in you</u>, then He who raised up Christ from the dead shall also **make-alive** your mortal bodies **by His Spirit who dwells in you**." (Romans 8:1-11)

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"For through Him (Jesus) we both (Jews & Gentiles) have access **by one Spirit** unto the Father. Now therefore, you are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner Stone; In whom all the building (the Church) fitly framed together grows unto a Holy Temple in the Lord (in Jesus); in whom you also are built together for a dwelling-place of God through the Spirit." (Ephesians 2:18-22)

"But speaking the truth in love, may we grow up **into Him** in <u>all things</u>, who is the Head (of the Church), even Christ; from whom the <u>whole Body (all believers</u>) is **fitly joined together** and compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, making increase of the Body unto the building up of itself <u>in love</u>." (Ephesians 4:15-16)

"For <u>in Him</u> (in Jesus) dwells <u>all the fulness of the Godhead bodily</u>. And **you are complete** <u>in Him</u>, who is the Head of all principality and power; <u>in whom</u> also you are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; <u>buried with Him in baptism</u>, in which also you are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who has raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **He has** <u>made-alive together</u> <u>with Him</u>, having forgiven all your trespasses." (Colossians 2:9-13)

"But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are; so that no flesh should glory in His presence. But of Him (the Father) **you are** <u>in Christ Jesus</u>, who by God is made unto us <u>wisdom</u>, and <u>righteousness</u>, and <u>sanctification</u>, and <u>redemption</u>; so that, according as it is written, '*He who glories*, *let him glory* <u>in the Lord</u>." (I Corinthians 1:27-31) (quote is from Jeremiah 9:23)

Those who cannot be reconciled to Christ Jesus are sinners separated, and are not held together in Christ Jesus:

"Therefore remember, that you being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, ..., who at that time you were **without Christ** (separated from Christ Jesus), being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, **having** <u>no hope</u>, and <u>without God</u> in the world." (Ephesians 2:11-12)

All Things In Him, In Jesus, Stand Together

All those people who have been reconciled to Jesus through His death on the Cross ! All believers in Christ Jesus are saved with the great Love and Mercy of the Father ! All believers in Christ Jesus stand together with Him in the unity of the Spirit ! All believers in Christ Jesus are being built up in the Love of Jesus ! All believers in Christ Jesus are made-alive with Him !

Lord Jesus all Glory is Yours !

Thank You for the peace we have in You through the blood of Your Cross ! Thank You for being unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification !

Thank You for the Hope of Everlasting Life in You !!