

Word Studies: All Things

All things is everything. And all things come from the Father. “There is but one God, the Father, of whom are **all things**” (1Cor 8:6). The Father is “the great Source of all” (Desire of Ages p. 21). God the Father is the Ancient of days, “the Source of all being, and the fountain of all law” (*Great Controversy* p. 479). The Father is also the great Giver, Who “*gives* to all life and breath and **all things**” (Acts 17:25) “according as His divine power has *given* unto us **all things** that pertain unto life and godliness” (2Peter 1:3).

Psalm 8:4 “What is man?...Thou hast put **all things** under his feet.” Adam was given dominion over all the earth. And the second Adam, who is the Son of God “from heaven” (1Cor 15:47), “was made flesh” (John 1:14) and became the Son of man, and was also made “a little lower than the angels,” crowned with glory and honor by “God, even the Father” (1Cor 15:24) Who has “put **all things** under his feet” (Psalm 8:6, 1Cor 15:27).

“God is the Father of Christ; Christ is the Son of God. To Christ has been **given** an exalted position. He has been **made** equal with the Father.” Ellen White 8T p. 268. Peter agrees. “God has **made** this same Jesus...both Lord and Christ” Acts 2:36.

And how did the Father make His Son equal with Him? By giving His Son all things. “For the Father loves the Son and has **given all things** into his hands” (John 3:35). “The Father loves the Son and **shows** him **all things** that Himself does” (John 5:20). Jesus confirmed this. “**All things** are **delivered** unto me of my Father” (Matt 11:27). “Father,...You have **given** [thy Son] power over all flesh.” “The Father had **given all things** into his hands” (John 13:3). “**All things** that the Father has are mine,” Jesus said (John 16:15). “**All things** whatsoever You [Father] have **given** me are from You” (John 17:1,2,7). “All mine are thine, [Father,] and thine are mine” (verse 10).

The Son received everything from his Father—his name (Heb 1:4), his wisdom (Col 2:4), his power and authority (Matt 28:18), even his life (John 5:26). The Father appointed him “heir of **all things**, by whom also He [the Father] made the worlds” (Heb 1:2). Thus the Father “created **all things** by Jesus Christ” His Son (Eph 3:9). “For by him were **all things** created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible” “He is before **all**

things, and by him **all things** consist” (Col 1:16,17). “For it pleased the Father that in him should **all fulness** dwell” (verse 19). That’s everything!

And the Son of God delights in giving all things to us! “For **all things** that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you” (John 15:15). Not only to the disciples, but also to us will he make known. When he is sent into our hearts (Gal 4:6) as the Spirit of truth, he will “teach you **all things**” (John 14:26) even as “the Spirit of Christ” was in the prophets “when it signified and testified” (1Peter 1:11) “for the Spirit searches **all things**” (1Cor 2:10). “He that is spiritual judges **all things**” (verse 15). “For the Father judges no man, but has committed **all judgment** unto the Son” (John 5:22) who, of course, is spiritual even as his Father “is Spirit” (John 4:24). For “that which is born of the Spirit is spirit” (John 3:6).

Thus, everything that the Father has is given to His Son, even the glory of his Father’s character. “And the glory which You [Father] have **given** me, I have **given** them” (John 17:22). The Son of God, like his Father, gives us all things. He gives us not only his Father’s glory, but also his Father’s grace (1Cor 1:4), his “new name” (Rev 3:12), his “Spirit of life” (Rom 8:2), “himself for us” (Gal 2:20), and his love that we “might be filled with **all the fulness** of God.” (Eph 3:19) “He that spared not His own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall He not with him also freely **give us all things!**” (Rom 8:32). “For of him, and through him, and to him, are **all things**” (Romans 11:36).

Alone

God said, It was not good that man should **be alone**.

Jacob was **left alone** and wrestled with a “man”
who turned out to be the Son of God.

Judah thought Benjamin was **left alone**,

but Joseph was standing right before him as 2nd in the land of Egypt
Elijah thought he was all alone, Rom 11:3:

“They have killed your prophets,” he told the Lord, “broken down your altars; and **I am left alone**, and they seek my life”

But there were 7000 others who had not bowed the knee to Baal.

John the Baptist perished **alone** in Herod’s dungeon.

Martha complained that her sister had left her to **serve alone**. Luke 10:40

Lepers had to **dwell alone** outside the camp. Leviticus 13:46

When the Sabeans stole Job's oxen and slew his servants,
only **one alone escaped** to tell the tale. Job 1:15

The Lord told Moses, Deut 9:14

"Let me alone that I might destroy these people, and blot out their name
from under heaven"

"Ephraim is joined to idols: **let him alone**," God laments. Hosea 4:17

Jesus echoes the same sentiments:

"Every plant that my Father has not planted: they shall be rooted up."

Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind." Matt 15:13,14

When Jesus entered the synagogue in Capernaum, Mark 1:24

a man with an unclean spirit(s) cried out,

"Let us alone, what have we to do with thee, thou Holy One of God.

Solomon, wise man that he was, observed in Ecclesiastes 4:7,8:

To be **one alone** is vanity under the sun.

Woe to **him who is alone** when he falls,

for he has not another to help him up. Verse 10

How can one be **warm alone**? Verse 11

Faith without works is dead and **alone**. James 2:17

Yet, there are times when being alone serves a purpose:

Jesus was left **alone in the temple** when his parents returned to Nazareth.

The high priest went into the most holy place **alone** once a year. Heb 9:7

We have: One high priest, one intercessor, one mediator

After feeding the 5000, Jesus sent the people away,

he went up into a mountain apart to pray:

And when the evening was come, he was **there alone**. Matt 14:23

But Jesus said, **I am not alone**,

there is I myself and the Father that sent me. John **8:16**

He that sent me is with me: the Father has **not left me alone**. Verse 29

"The hour is coming, yes, and is now come, that you shall be scattered and
shall leave **me alone**: and yet **I am not alone**,

because the Father is with me." John **16:32**

Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abides **alone**.

But if it die, it will not be alone: it brings forth much fruit. John 12:24

Heb 2:13 "Here am I and the children which God has given me"

Who is this that comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah?
That is glorious in his apparel, traveling in the greatness of his strength?
Why are you red in your apparel, and your garments like him that treads in
the winefat?

“I have trodden **the winepress alone**,
and of the people there was **none with me.**” Isaiah 63:1-4
Why alone? Because there was no one else who could save us.
This is the other meaning of “alone”, that is: “the only one”

Isa 59 “We look for **judgment, but there is none**; for salvation, but it is far
off. Our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and **our sins testify
against us.** “the handwriting of ordinances that were against us”
Vs 15 “The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was **no
judgment.** He saw that there was **no man**, and wondered that there was
no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him.”

Ellen White recognized this:

“Remission of sins” can be obtained “through **Christ alone**” AA p. 31.2
“Labor not for the meat that perishes, but for that meat which endureth unto
everlasting life Which the Son of God shall give unto you.” Jn 6:27
“This the **Son of God alone** can give.” DA 384.3
“Our sufficiency is in **Christ alone.**” COL 160.3
“**Christ alone could** represent the Father to humanity.” DA 663.5
“**Christ alone can** represent the Father to humanity.”
Home Missionary July 1, 1897 A.4
“**Christ alone** had experience in all the sorrows and temptations that befall
human beings.” Education 78.6
“The glory which the infinite Father had invested His Son...
was the prerogative of **Christ alone.**” PP 35.2
“**Christ alone** is ‘the express image’ of the Father.” PP 45.2
Water “is an emblem of the divine grace which **Christ alone** can bestow.”
PP 412.2
“The **righteousness of Christ alone** can give you power to stem the tide
of evil...” PK 175.2
“...the **blood of Christ alone** can cleanse us from the defilement of sin...”
SC 28.3
“It is the **grace of Christ alone**, through faith, that can make us holy.”
SC 59.4

“In the **name of Christ alone** can this great victory [over narcotics and stimulants] be gained.” 4T 32.2

“The **power of Christ alone** can work the transformation in heart and mind that all must experience who would partake with Him of the new life in the kingdom of heaven.” Review & Herald, March 19, 1908; 9T 156

“The plan of saving sinners through **Christ alone** was the same in the days of Adam, Noah, Abraham, and in every successive generation living before the advent of Christ, as it is in our day.” Bible Echo July 15, 1893.7
The Everlasting Gospel-Covenant

“There is **but one power** that can break the hold of evil from the hearts of men, and that is the power of God in Jesus Christ.

Only through the blood of the Crucified One is there cleansing from sin. His grace **alone** can enable us to resist and subdue the tendencies of our fallen nature.” Testimonies vol. 8 p. 291 1903

“There is **only one power** that can turn the sinner from sin to holiness—the power of Christ. Our Redeemer is the **only one** who can take away sin.” Review & Herald, June 2, 1903

“The **only** defense against evil is the indwelling of Christ in the heart through faith in His righteousness.” Desire of Ages p. 324

“Christ is the source of every right impulse. He is the **only one** that can implant in the heart enmity against sin.” Steps to Christ p. 26 1893

“Union with Christ is our **only** means for overcoming sin.”
That I May Know Him p. 318.4

So, when we read that famous passage in Desire of Ages p. 671,

“Sin could be resisted and overcome **only** through the mighty agency of the third person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified **energy**, but in the fullness of divine **power**.”

We understand the Holy Spirit is the power of Christ, who is “the power of God” 1Cor 1:24.

“From the beginning, God has been working by **His Holy Spirit** through human instrumentalities ...And in the days of the apostles He wrought mightily for His church through the **agency** of the Holy Spirit.” AA 53.1
“When we read, ‘The whole multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one mind,’ we understand that **the agency of the Holy Spirit** was doing **its work** on human hearts.”

Bible Training School March, 1909

“It is through **the agency of the Holy Spirit** that men are to be drawn to Christ, and through **its power alone** can the soul be made pure.” RH March 29, 1892.2

“It is through the **agency of the Holy Spirit** that **God communicated with man**” RH Nov 12, 1903B.40

All communication from heaven to earth since Adam’s fall has come through Christ. T105-1900.5

After the transgression of Adam, the Lord spoke no longer directly with man; the human race was given into the hands of Christ, and **all communication came through him** to the world. RH Nov 28, ‘93

This is the same truth stated in the rest of the DA quotation:

“It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world's Redeemer. It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. **Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power** to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church.” DA 671

“The words that I speak to you, they are spirit and they are life” John 6:63

“There is no comforter like Christ, so tender and so true.”

“The influence of the **Holy Spirit is the life of Christ** in the soul.”
RH Oct 26, 1897.

We are not alone.

Jesus said,

“I will come to you” John 14:18

“I will never leave you nor forsake you” Heb 13:5

“Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world” Matt 28:20