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On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand

“Everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock” Mt 7:24

Edward Mote

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' Name

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil

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His oath, His covenant, His blood; Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my Hope and Stay

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When He shall come with trumpet sound; Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne

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God of Wonders

*"The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims His handiwork." Psalm 19:1*

Steve Hindalong and Marc Byrd

Lord of all creation
Of water, earth, and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high
God of wonders, beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy

Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth
Hallelujah
To the Lord of heaven and earth
Hallelujah
To the Lord of heaven and earth
Hallelujah
To the Lord of heaven and earth

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to
me
Father hold me, hold me
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy,
You are holy, holy

Colossians 1:15-20 — English Standard Version (ESV)

¹⁵ *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.*

Behold Our God

“Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand...” Is 40:12-14

Jonathan, Meghan, & Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God, seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach, the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Behold our God, seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him

Who has felt the nails upon His hands?
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

Behold our God, seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him

[Men] You will reign forever
[Women] Let Your glory fill the earth

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Offering: Ancient Words

*"Blessed are those who keep His statutes and seek Him
with all their heart" Psalm 119:2*

Lynn DeShazo

Holy words, long preserved
For our walk, in this world
They resound with God's own heart
Oh let the ancient words impart

Words of life, words of hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

Ancient words, ever true
Changing me and changing you
We have come with open hearts
Oh, let the ancient words impart

Holy words, of our faith
Handed down, to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ

Holy words, long preserved
For our walk, in this world
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the ancient words impart

Ancient words, ever true
Changing me and changing you
We have come with open hearts
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Colossians

Christ is Everything

Colossians 1:15-20

[15] He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. [16] For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. [17] And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. [18] And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. [19] For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, [20] and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. (ESV)

The Big Idea

Christ is the perfect human (image) and is also the God who creates everything and reconciles believers to God.

1. Christ is the perfect human. (15)
2. Christ as God is the means of God's work of creation. (16-17)
3. Christ (as redeemer) rules the church. (18)
4. Christ has reconciled believers to God. (19-20)

Christ is the perfect human.

[15] He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

Humans were originally created in God's image and shared in the life that God gives. However, in Genesis 3, Adam and Eve sinned, marred the image of God and therefore died, spiritually. Though some elements of human dignity remained because humans were originally created in God's image (Genesis 9:6), humans could not fellowship with God (without a covering for sin) and were unable to eat of the tree of life (Gen. 3:21-22).

Paul tells us here that Christ was the complete, mature, perfect human that no one else can be. He is the "image" of God and is the ruler and inheritor ("firstborn") of all creation. As God's image, Christ the Man displays the pattern of righteousness, wisdom, and faithfulness. He is what we should have been but cannot be, on our own.

Christ as God is the means of God's work of creation.

[16] For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

[17] And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Christ is not simply the perfect human displaying perfectly the image of God. He is also the creator (which Gen. 1:1 tells us is the work of God). He is not only the means of creation but also its end. God's purposes in creation include making a way that all things would lead to a people who would worship Him. He not only creates but also guides creations by His gracious providence. He sustains creation for His purposes, even though sin has entered the world.

Christ (as redeemer) rules the church.

[18] And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

The worshipping people that God is making through Christ are His church. Christ is the first of this "new people" just as Adam was the first man of the original creation (Gen. 2-3; Rom. 5). He is the beginning of the resurrected humanity. Where "death" threatened the relationship of the first humans with God, Christ, the "new Adam" has defeated death ("firstborn from the dead"). Christ's rule is over everything, even death. The preeminent Lord is also head of a new body, the church. It is not that God has just redeemed us individually but that He brings us into a new family, the church. To be in the first story of creation, people would have to be born. To be in this new humanity, you need to be born again.

Christ has reconciled believers to God.

[19] For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
[20] and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Christ is not only the perfect human, but He is also fully God. Paul does not explain much about how Christ is God or what this “fullness” is. Instead, he explains what His deity accomplishes for us. As the fully God and fully human, Christ is the mediator between God and sinful humans. Christ reconciles us to God through His death for us. He takes on the righteous wrath of God against sin and is therefore able to reunite us with our creator. He overcomes our sin and reverses the curse of death.

Living the Christ-centered life:

How are you worshipping Christ as the fullness of deity and as the perfect mediator?

In what ways are you treasuring Christ as the creator and the life-giver? Do you see Him as creating a new humanity that can enjoy life with God?

Have you considered your life as a part of Christ's body?

How would affect your life if you saw yourself as being united to other believers as members of the same body under Christ as head? Are there ways that we (as a local body) could recognize the rule of Christ better?

Are you reconciled to God through Christ?

The human tragedy of sin and the resultant death cannot be overcome by sinful humans. However, we can be reunited to God through faith in Christ. He has paid the penalty of death and is righteousness for us. If we are united to Christ by faith, then these benefits are applied to us.

In Christ Alone

"For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness..." Colossians 2:9-10

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this Solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love
What depths of peace
When fears are stilled
When strivings cease

My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ, I stand

In Christ alone
Who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ, I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His, and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Could ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns, or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ, I'll stand
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At Calvary* #338

“Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and He will have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will freely pardon” Isaiah 55:7

William Newell

Years I spent in vanity and pride; Caring not my Lord was crucified
Knowing not it was for me He died on Calvary

Mercy there was great and grace was free; Pardon there was multiplied to me
There my burdened soul found liberty – At Calvary

By God's Word at last my sin I learned – Then I trembled at the Law I'd spurned
Till my guilty soul imploring turned to Calvary

Mercy there was great and grace was free; Pardon there was multiplied to me
There my burdened soul found liberty – At Calvary

Now I've giv'n to Jesus ev'rything; Now I gladly own Him as my King
Now my raptured soul can only sing of Calvary

Mercy there was great and grace was free; Pardon there was multiplied to me
There my burdened soul found liberty – At Calvary

O the love that drew salvation's plan! O the grace that brought it down to man!
O the mighty gulf that God did span at Calvary

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