



The Simplicity In Christ



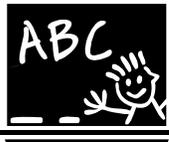
In Hebrews 13:8 Paul the apostle says that “*Jesus is the same yesterday, and today and forever.*” He then tells us in 2 Corinthians 11:3 what Jesus is like because Paul was afraid that the devil would deceive the followers of Jesus the same way he deceived Eve through subtle lies, so their minds would be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

No matter how much you read, hear, study or learn about Jesus, He is still the same Person you accepted as your Savior. He doesn’t change. People change what they think about Him, but He doesn’t change.

Jesus said He only did and said what the Father told Him. He always spoke simply of simple things – but the meanings of His Words were so profound that even though men have studied them and tested them for centuries, they still have not obtained the fullness of the knowledge and the wisdom they contain.

Everything that God does starts with what appears to be something simple, but it turns out to be so profound that man is still trying to understand.

An example is our English language. It is built entirely on only 26 letters – so simple that a little child can recite their ABC’s. Yet, the Bible and billions of other books have all been written using only these same simple 26 letters in different combinations, with new words being added every day as computer technology, space technology and science make new discoveries, but every new word is made up of some combination of the same 26 letters of our alphabet. And no matter how many words are added they will all be made from that same simple alphabet that is so profound that if even one little letter was eliminated from it the whole language would crumble, people could no longer talk to each other and every word ever written or spoken would have no meaning.



God made our language so we could read in our Bibles all of His wonderful works, and so we would have words to communicate to others the gospel of Jesus Christ. (John 21:25) “*There are many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written down, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.*”

Another simple foundation for something so profound it can never be fully understood is music. All music is based on only 7 notes. And it’s interesting that these 7 notes are named by the first 7 letters of our alphabet, ABCDEFG. From the simplest piano scale played by a child’s fingers, to the monumental complexities of huge symphony orchestras playing the classic compositions of the early masters, magnificent voices singing operas, and every kind of music in between, from jazz, country, western, rock ‘n roll, heavy metal, to church hymns and choirs played on huge pipe organs that fill a room, to a worn out piano in a Sunday School room – it still all comes from 7 little notes – and new combinations of those notes in songs and music are being written every day.



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God made music so we could use it to praise Him and all of His wonderful works, and so we could touch the hearts of people through songs and music with the gospel of Jesus Christ. (Psalm 150:2-6) *“Praise God for His mighty acts: praise Him for His excellent greatness. Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet and the harp. Praise Him with the timbrel and dance. Praise Him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise Him with cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!”*



There is yet another example of God’s profound simplicity. That is color. All color is made from 3 basic colors, red, blue and yellow. There are thousands of shades and combinations of color, and more being discovered every day. Every thing that God made has color. Even white and black are colors. All the flowers, trees, and animals that God made have color. Even all light is made up of colors. It is a combination of the 3 basic colors which can only be separated by looking through a prism, which is polished crystal that separates the colors. There is no color in darkness because all color is in light. So even the sun, moon and stars have color.



God made color so we could see the beauty of God’s glory and know that all of His creation was made to be beautiful and we could behold His glory through the work of His hands. (Exodus 26:31) *“And you shall make a veil for my holy place of blue, and purple and scarlet, and fine linen.”*

There is one more example that is so simple, yet so profound, it staggers the mind to comprehend it. That is atoms. Atoms are the tiniest structure in the universe, a million of them could fit on the head of a pin, yet every thing that exists in this universe is made up of atoms, including us. Every atom has a tiny spark of electricity in it that is the spark of life that God creates all life with. There are only 20 basic kinds of atoms that make up the entire universe in various combinations. Every atom has within it that basic particle of life – the electrical spark of life that only comes from God. He is able to turn stones into bread or heal crippled legs by simply rearranging the combinations of atoms. (Luke 1:37) *“For with God nothing shall be impossible.”*

Our greatest example of profound simplicity is Jesus Christ Himself. Just 1 drop of His blood which was shed on the Cross of Calvary has within it the power to save all mankind. That first drop of blood made Him Savior, and if we were to leave out even one part of all of His God-given titles as the Son of God, the whole basis of Christianity would crumble. Very simply:

If He is not REDEEMER, He cannot deliver us from Satan
 If He is not DELIVERER, He cannot rescue us from sin
 If He is not RESCUER, He cannot heal us
 If He is not HEALER, He cannot comfort us
 If He is not COMFORTER, He cannot give us hope
 If He is not OUR HOPE, He cannot restore our broken hearts
 If He is not RESTORER, He cannot preserve us unto salvation
 If He is not SALVATION, He cannot protect us
 If He is not SAVIOR, He cannot save us



But, praise God, because of the blood He shed for us on Calvary – *“He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think, according to the miraculous power that works in us.”* (Ephesians 3:20)



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There is so much to talk about contained in this study – just go ahead and explore some of the absolutely, or should we say, simply amazing things about God and His creation.

Have a good time praising Him that He made things so simple that even a child could understand – and yet those simple things could be examined at the highest level of human intellect and still not be understood.

That's why so many people miss their salvation. They think it is too simple to just "*confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that Jesus is Lord and that God raised Him from the dead, and you will be saved.*" (Romans 10:9,10) They think it has to be more complicated – without realizing that what those words contain is the most intricately complicated event in human history.

So, have fun talking about Jesus and your MEMORY VERSE is Hebrews 13:8 "*Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever.*"