

# ALL

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Mark 9:23

Sometimes the most powerful words in the Bible are the smallest. Consider the word “SO”. Two little letters. But powerful in verses like Gen 1:7; “And it was **SO**”! Now, this word is used 1640 times in my KJV Bible, but none so important as....For God **SO** loved the world.... How much did He love the world? **SO** much that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. The last “so” in the Bible is found in Rev 22:20 ... “He which testifieth these things saigh, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even **SO**, come Lord Jesus”.

But I would like to take a look at a word just one letter longer than so ... that word is ALL. Definition being, “the whole”. This little word is used 4686 times in the Bible.

The first “ALL” I would like to look at is found in 2 Tim 3:16:

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: Can we all agree that this is God’s Word, inspired by God and written by holy men of God?

This all actually starts back in the book of Jeremiah: Jeremiah 36:2 Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day.

God’s Word is divinely inspired: 2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

God’s word is pure: Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

God’s word is not to be altered: Deuteronomy 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

This Bible is our rule for faith and practice.

Using this as our jumping off point, lets look at some uses of this big three letter word; ALL

- God’s word teaches that He sustains us and protects us

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Ps 3:7: O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly. Salvation belongeth unto the LORD: thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah.

Psalms 62:8 Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.

Psalms 116:12 What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?

Psalms 67:7 God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Psalms 103:1-3 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

- The Bible teaches that God is worthy of our praise

Psalms 67:3-5 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Psalms 86:12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

Psalms 117:1-2 O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalms 8:9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

- This should not surprise us, but God has some expectations of us:

In our giving: Malachi 3:10-12 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

In our communications with each other: 1 Corinthians 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

In our treatment of all people; 1 Corinthians 10:31-33 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

In all of our life style; 1 Peter 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

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In how we do things: 1 Corinthians 14:40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

Philippians 2:14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

In how children treat their parents: Colossians 3:20 Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

In how we treat our employers: Colossians 3:22 Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:

In where we go: 1 Thessalonians 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

In our trust in God: Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

In how we perceive our new life in Christ: 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

- God desires to bless ... ALL of us

Philippians 4:13-19 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction. Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God. But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

- ALL of the unsaved have an appointment to come:

Revelation 20:11-15 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Just as “whosoever” is another word for “all” in John 3:16, all whose names are not written in the book of life will be cast into the lake of fire.

But .. God has a plan for “ALL” those who desire to come to Him:

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2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Colossians 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

*Psalms 103:10-13 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.*

*Micah 7:18-19 Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.*

Romans 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

Romans 11:30-32 For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

- As Christians, we have an appointment to come:

Romans 14:10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Fellow Christians, we ALL shall appear before that judgment seat of Christ. All of our works will be tested and tried to see what manner of works they were. For our praise? Or for the glory of God. Are we ready for that day?