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Jesus Christ, our all in all, part 2

'but Christ is all and in all' Colossians 3:11b

Christ, the new Moses, by John Chrysostom (Ex 14:10-31)

- † ***'The Israelites witnessed marvels; you also will witness marvels, greater and more splendid than those which accompanied them on their departure from Egypt***
- † ***You did not see Pharaoh drowned with his armies, but you have seen the devil with his weapons overcome by the waters of baptism***
- † ***The Israelites passed through the sea; you have passed from death to life***
- † ***They were delivered from the Egyptians; you have been delivered from the powers of darkness***
- † ***The Israelites were freed from slavery to a pagan people; you have been freed from the much greater slavery to sin***
- † ***Moses, Scripture tells us, was gentler than all who dwelt upon the earth. We can rightly say the same of the new Moses, for there was with Him the very Spirit of gentleness, united to Him***
- † ***In those days Moses raised his hands to Heaven and brought down manna, the bread of angels; the new Moses raises His hands to Heaven and gives us the food of Eternal Life***
- † ***Moses struck the rock and brought forth streams of water; Christ touches His table, strikes the spiritual rock of the New covenant and draws forth the living water of the Spirit***

Christ-centered life (Col 1:15-18; 2:1-10; 3:9-11)

- † **Christ is the image of God, the fullness of deity in bodily form (Col 2:9)**
 - **Jesus tells Philip that whoever has seen Him, has seen the Father (Jn 14:1-11)**
- † **Through Christ, all creation came into being**
 - **'All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made' Jn 1:3**

- † Christ is eternal and in Him all things hold together (*Col 1:17*)
- † Christ is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead (*Col 1:18*)
- † Christ will come to have first place in everything (*Col 1:18*)
- † Through Christ the entire creation is reconciled to God (*Col 1:20*)

Seek Christ not philosophy (*Col 3:12-14*)

- † Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth (*Col 3:2*)
- † *'Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ' Col 2:8*
- † Christ is the head of His Body, the Church. We are members of His Body (*Col 1:18*)

Christ is all in God's plan of salvation

- † In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of all our sins
 - No more guilt with Christ
- † In Christ we are complete (*Col 1:28; 2:10*)
- † In Christ, we have all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (*Col 2:3*)
 - All of the Old Testament speaks of Christ and points to Him (*Lk 24:27,44; Jn 5:46*)
 - All of the New Testament shows how He fulfilled all that the Old Testament prophesied of Him
- † In Christ, we have the hope of eternal glory

Christ is all, by C S Lewis

'I know now, Lord, why You utter no answer. You are Yourself the answer. Before Your face questions die away. What other answer would suffice?'

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Legend

 Refers to mandatory readings

Verse to memorize

‘For by Him all things were created that are in Heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him’ Colossians 1:16

In my Prayer and Faith Autobiography Book

God acts

✝ Jesus Christ is the image of the Father

My reaction

✝ Am I filling myself with Him?

✝ Am I in turn being His image to others?

During the coming week, let us pray expectantly

1. seeking the Lord’s will to be done in Lebanon
2. for CrossTalk to find a locale
3. for David, Gisele, Habib and Karim
4. to become more of saints and less of sinners
5. to seek the Lord in every word I say, every act I do and every thought I think
6. to help in building His Kingdom by building His Church on earth
7. to deny ourselves, carry our cross and follow Him
8. to thank Him for creating us and each one around us, on His image and likeness, and choosing us to reveal His splendor
9. to all the sick
10. to all those in prison
11. to the unity of the Christians
12. to one another to be honest and not lack integrity
13. to put all that we have in the Lord’s hands trusting His management
14. to all the Christians who are being persecuted, and to those who are persecuting them
15. to all families, that the Lord unites the parents together in His Name and stops all fights
16. to the situation in Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Iraq and the whole region

During this coming week, we will lift the Maronite Church in prayer

قانون الايمان
نؤمن بالله واحد
آب ضابط الكل
خالق السماء والأرض
كل ما يرى وما لا يرى
وبرب واحد يسوع المسيح
ابن الله الوحيد
المولود من الآب قبل كل الدهور
إله من إله، نور من نور، إله حق من إله حق
مولود غير مخلوق
مساوي للآب في الجوهر
الذي به كان كل شيء
الذي من أجلنا نحن البشر ومن أجل خلاصنا
نزل من السماء
وتجسد من الروح القدس ومن مريم العذراء
وصار إنساناً
وصُلب عنا على عهد بيلاطس البنطي
تألم ومات وقُبر
وقام في اليوم الثالث كما جاء في الكتب
وصعد إلى السماء
وجلس عن يمين الله الآب
وأيضاً يأتي بمجد عظيم
ليدين الأحياء والأموات
الذي لا فناء لمملكه
ونؤمن بالروح القدس
الرب المحيي
المنبثق من الآب والابن
الذي هو مع الآب والابن
يُسجد له ويُمجّد
الناطق بالأنبياء والرسل
وبكنيسة واحدة، جامعة، مقدسة، رسولية
ونعترف بعمودية واحدة لمغفرة الخطايا
ونترجى قيامة الموتى والحياة الجديدة
في الدهر الآتي
أمين

الصلاة الربانية

أبانا الذي في السموات
ليتقدس اسمك
ليأت ملكوتك
لتكن مشيئتك
كما في السماء
كذلك على الأرض
أعطنا خبزنا كفايت يومنا
واغفر لنا ذنوبنا وخطايانا
كما نحن نغفر
لمن خطئ إلينا
ولا تُدخلنا في التجارب
لكن نجنا من الشرير
لأن لك الملك والقوة والمجد
إلى أبد الأبدين
أمين