

Summing up in Jesus – Part 2

Welcome to Summing up in Jesus, Part 2, October 10, 2007. Remember in the Kingdom of God last week we started the subject of summing up in Jesus. We looked at the Trinity last week to begin to get a revelation of how the Trinity sums up all things in Jesus. We explored the two axes within the Trinity. That is to say the horizontal where Father equals Son equals Spirit, where it is one God with Father like Son like Spirit in all the essences of God in regard to value and purpose and so on. All the power of God is identical in the three components of the Trinity. But then the Son humbles Himself and positions Himself under the Father, did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped, but humbled Himself, does only what He sees the Father do and so on. So the Trinity begins to become operative in a vertical axis where Son is humbled underneath the Father then the Spirit is humbled underneath the Son all of which bears witness to man in many ways which I'll talk a bit as we go forward; but including how God would humble Himself under God, how man is to humble himself under God and how man is to humble himself under man in the various authority structures set up on planet Earth. So remember last week we concluded by reviewing the sequence where the Son asked the Father; the Father gave a Helper; the Son then sent that Helper, the Holy Spirit to us.

Then the Holy Spirit came to do what? To sum up all things in Jesus. John 14:26, Jesus says – He (the Holy Spirit) will bear witness of Me (Jesus). So why would the Holy Spirit do this? Because John 14:26 tells us also the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. So what is truth? Truth is what God is and how God views everything else. How do we know what truth is? It's all summed up in Jesus. That's why Jesus said I am the truth; I am God and I'm here to model and reveal to you how God views the rest of reality. So the Holy Spirit being God and being one in essence with God can only speak truth. Titus 1:2 – God Who cannot lie. So the Holy Spirit being the Spirit of truth cannot lie and sum up things in anything other than Jesus. Jesus is the truth; the Holy Spirit being the Spirit of truth bears witness of the One Who is the truth—that being Jesus and Jesus is Who God is and how God views everything else.

Now back to the Father. The Father said this is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased, listen to Him. But He didn't stop there with that simple statement. We obey the Father to see what else is said about the Son by the Father. We obey the Father by listening to the Son; because the Father is summing all things up in His Son. John 5:22, Jesus tells us – For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son. Why? Because the Father is summing up all things in Jesus. The Father trusts the Son that much. Then Matthew 28:18 – and Jesus came up and spoke to them saying, all authority has been given to Me in Heaven and on Earth. Why? Because the Father is summing up all things in Jesus. The Father trusts the Son that much. The Father would not tell us to listen to the Son if the Father could not trust the Son to judge as He would judge and could not trust the Son to exercise authority as the Father would exercise authority.

Now let's look at prayer. Why? Because it's all summed up in Jesus. God is one God and this one God Who is love as we're told in I John 4:8 tells us the following. Love takes no offense as we're told in I Corinthians 13:5. This freed me to pray because of Romans 8:26 – we do not know how to pray as we ought. So if I pray but do not pray as I ought, I pray wrongly; God Who is love takes no offense. Instead we have two intercessors to take our imperfect prayers and

render them perfect before the Father. Romans 8:26 – The Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. In other words, if I offer up a weak bow and a crooked arrow and a poor aim, but I am sincerely praying to my God in the name of Jesus, the Holy Spirit Himself, Who came to bear witness of Jesus, will strengthen the flight of that arrow, straighten the path of that arrow and direct it with perfect aim to the heart of the Father. That's the Holy Spirit interceding for us. Also Romans 8:34 – Jesus Who is at the right hand of God Who also intercedes for us. So why do I set the stage about prayer with these two Scriptures? Well, they're truth and we're to live by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God that we're told in Deuteronomy 8:3. Jesus taught us to pray to the Father in His model prayer called the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 before His crucifixion. But later Jesus added another phrase to that directive speaking of the time after His crucifixion. John 16:23 – In that day if you shall ask the Father for anything He will give it to you in my name. Likewise in John 16:26, Jesus said, in that day you will ask in my name. So our prayers now are not necessarily starting with the opening of Our Father Who art in Heaven (that's true and that's good); but our prayer today directed to the Father is to be directed to the Father in the name of Jesus Christ. Because it's after the crucifixion; He has purchased us confident access to the Father, the veil has been thrown open and we can come in humbly but boldly into the throne of grace with our prayers in our supplications before God in the name of Jesus.

Then Jesus speaks of prayer to Himself. John 14:14 – If you ask Me anything in My name I will do it. In other words we're told to pray to Jesus in the name of Jesus; we're told to pray to the Father in the name of Jesus; but we're not told to pray to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us to render our imperfect prayers perfect before the Lord. So why is this true? Because the Holy Spirit came to bear witness of Jesus and not to bear witness of Himself. So we receive the Holy Spirit from the Father and the Son because the Son asked, the Father gave, but he gives through the Son and then the Son commanded and sent the Spirit to come to indwell us. And the Holy Spirit brings power within us. For what purpose? Acts 1:8, Jesus said – But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you and you shall be My witnesses. The power of the Holy Spirit is to empower us to bear witness of Jesus; because that's the reason the Holy Spirit came. He empowers us to bear witness of Jesus, not of Himself. He functions in total humility before Jesus the Son. The Holy Spirit does nothing of His own initiative—that is nothing of His own will. He speaks only what He hears from the Son. He does not speak of Himself; He responds to commands from the Son. He takes what the Son gives to Him to give then to us. That's all part of the summing up of all things in Jesus which is the overall plan of the Trinity in regard to how we relate to God. So we've seen how the Godhead, the Trinity sums up all things in Jesus within Itself. Let us keep looking more closely at this aspect of the Trinity, because we're going to look more closely at the vertical relationship of the Trinity in the Godhead of function, position, and modeling.

Our God is one God; but God reveals Himself to man in three persons. These three persons are always in perfect agreement in regard to essence, value, purpose, character, desires, and so on. But the various functions of God are separated in these three Persons. That requires a hierarchy. Only one can be at the top of any hierarchy. For the hierarchy to function, there can be no confusion. This requires total humility and avoids confusion and complications by walking in total agreement. Because Scripture tells us, how can two walk together except they be in agreement? So the Father wills and decrees. The Son humbles Himself, gave up equality with

God to come in the form of a man and so on. He humbles Himself in all ways before the Father. The Son then creates and achieves and then exercises authority in order to carry out the wills and decrees of the Father. Thus He serves and glorifies the Father. Because the Son walks in such humility as to do only what the Father does and to speak only what the Father speaks, the Father totally trusts the Son. The Son does nothing of His own initiative contrary to the will of the Father. The Son is one with the Father. Thus, the Father gives all judging to the Son. He gives all authority to the Son. He does so because Jesus the Son, perfectly shows us the following. He shows us how God Himself would humble Himself before a Holy God, how God would submit to a holy God, how God would obey a holy God, how God would walk by faith in a holy God, how God would love God, how God would serve God, and how God would glorify a holy God. That then models for us how we're to walk before our holy God and then models how man is to walk before man in the authority structure set up by God on planet Earth. The Father effectively says Son, I cannot judge better than You judge. I cannot exercise authority better than You exercise authority. I cannot rule better than you rule. I cannot be more humble than You are humble. I cannot love more than You love. I cannot be more faithful that You are faithful. You are their model as the Son of Man to make Me, the invisible God, visible to them by walking on planet Earth as I sum up all things in You for their benefit. There will be no confusion. I will make it so simple that they cannot miss it. I will signify this to them by simply telling them this is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased, listen to Him. Also You can tell them to quit bypassing You in order to try to come to Me. Tell them that if they have seen You, they have seen Me—that You are the way and that they cannot come to Me in any other way because I am summing up the way in You. Tell them that You are truth, You are what I look like and how I view everything else. Tell them that You are life, that You have My life, the life of God to impart to them; You have the gift of the eternal life of God with God if they will simply believe in You. And tell them after believing that I have provided the abundant life for them. If You tell them these things, they should get the revelation that I am summing up all things in You; because You are one with Me in essence, and value and purpose. I have now willed it and decreed it knowing that as You walk in humility and submission to Me doing nothing that violates My will, You will create it and achieve it because You will operate in total humility and agreement.

Then the Son asks for and the Father decreed that a Helper come to man. The Son then sent the Helper. The Father and Son said We love man. We have a passion to be one with man and we want man to be free of everything that would limit the oneness that I desire with him. For We are jealous for man. And to bring about this freedom, the truth will set them free and if they're free in You, the one Who is truth, they will be free indeed. They will be free from everything that operates to prevent the completion of oneness with Me to fulfill My love for them. The Holy Spirit then says, in humility, here am I, send Me. I will go as the Spirit of truth just as the Son has asked and the Father has decreed and the Father has given and the Son now commands because the Son has been given all authority. I will go in humility because of what I see in the Son because when I look at the Son, I see the Father. I will not testify of Myself. I will bear witness of the Son. In view of what I've seen in the Son I will submit to the Son in total humility and total agreement. I will only speak what He commands Me to speak. I will only impart that which He gives Me to impart. Why? Because I am modeling for man and the Father said this is My beloved Son, listen to Him. So I, the Holy Spirit, will model listening to Him and I will speak only what the Son gives Me to speak. I will give only what the Son gives Me to speak because I don't want it to be complicated for them. I want them to see the simplicity of the plan

of God because He is summing up all things in Jesus. I'll model for them how to walk in humility before God. I'll model for them how to walk in agreement with God, how to relinquish their self determination, to deny self will, not their will but the will of God be done. And I will model that as I take the position of the third Person in the Trinity calling no attention to Myself. I'll give them gifts, but I'll teach them that the gifts exist only to bring them to love because God is love. So the purposes of the gifts, the gifts are worthless except they culminate in love because love is what God is. I'll tell them to desire all the gifts but especially that they may prophesy. Why is that? Because I'll tell them in Revelation 19:10 that the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy so they don't get misled about what prophecy is; because the greater gift, desire especially prophecy because prophecy is to give the testimony of Jesus. I'll come with power for them to become like the Son; but I'll keep reminding them that this is not about Me, the Holy Spirit. This is not about My gifts; this is not about My power; this is all summed up in Jesus; because if you ask for My gifts and ask for My power to accomplish anything on planet Earth other than bear witness of the Son, then it becomes a prostituted use of My power for which I came and a violation of the will of the Father to sum up all things in Jesus. I'll record for them even, written by the inspired hand of man the Words of Jesus even to pray to the Father in the name of Jesus. And to pray to Jesus in His own name; but don't pray to Me because I don't want to call attention to Myself; I want to bear witness of the Son. I cannot remain in agreement with the Son with the will of the Father if I try to function in My own initiative to speak what the Son hasn't given Me to speak, to bear witness of things other than the Son. If I try to function in My own initiatives to give gifts that the Son has not given Me to give then I'm functioning in My own will and My own initiative and I'm violating the plan of the Father to sum up all things in Jesus.

So the Spirit serves and glorifies the Son just as the Son serves and glorifies the Father, being one in essence. They are functioning in total humility, total agreement, doing nothing that violates the will and decrees from the Father. But what does man say when he views all these things? His usual question—what about me? That brings us to the Gospel. Romans 1:18 – For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and all unrighteousness of men. The wrath of God is stored up against all men. Why? Because God is love and He does love you but He doesn't love only you, He also loves righteousness; because He is righteous and He loves what He is. And He can't love that which is contrary to Himself. And all have sinned and the wages of sin is death because God cannot become one with sin which is unpaid for. Death implies eternal condemnation, without communion with God while receiving the wrath of God for eternity future in the lake of fire. That's the future of all men except one category—namely those who sum up all things in the Son, those who believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, Who gave up the glory of Heaven, came to Earth as a man, to live a sinless life, to go to the cross as a Lamb, to pay the price for our sins that we who believe in Him may escape the wrath of God and that whole thing is the Gospel and the Gospel is summed up in Jesus. That's why it's called the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

So let's amplify our understanding of that by looking at certain words in Scripture. And remember in any language, words are simply symbols of a greater reality and no word can really fully encompass the spiritual reality that we're attempting to view. I John 2:2 – And He (Jesus) is the propitiation for our sins. So what does propitiation mean? It means to appease, to pacify; thus, Jesus has appeased, He's pacified, satisfied the wrath of God. Our propitiation where the

wrath of God that we stored up with all our sin is fully appeased, fully tranquilized, fully satisfied, not because sin is excused, but because sin has been paid for and it is paid for by the Son. It is all summed up in Jesus.

Atonement – satisfactory reparation or a payment for an offense or injury. Romans 5:11 (in the King James Version) – We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ by Whom we have now received the atonement. So we are the beneficiary of the atonement; in that sense, we have received it. But Jesus is the atonement. He is the satisfactory payment to the Father. And remember Psalms 51:4 – Against Thee (God) only have I sinned. In other words, all sin is against God; thus the payment can be made only to the one sinned against—namely the Father. So our propitiation is all summed up in Jesus and our atonement, the payment for all of our sins is all summed up in Jesus.

Salvation – this means the saving or rescue of man from the spiritual consequences of sin. Acts 4:12 – And there is salvation in no one else for there is no other name under Heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved. So our salvation, all summed up in Jesus. Propitiation all summed up in Jesus. Atonement all summed up in Jesus. Salvation all summed up in Jesus. Are you beginning to see that the Trinity is summing up everything related to man in Jesus?

To redeem – this means to rescue or deliver us from bondage by paying a ransom. We were in bondage to sin and Satan; but not anymore. Galatians 3:13 – Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law. Jesus has paid the ransom to buy us back from the curse of the law under which we were condemned because no man can keep the law. Our redemption is all summed up in Jesus.

Reconcile – this means to bring back to harmony, to adjust, to settle differences. Colossians 1:19-20 – For it was the Father's good pleasure for all of the fullness to dwell in Him and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself having made peace through the blood of His cross. You see we have peace with God. Our war with God is over because we have been reconciled, brought back into oneness with our God through the blood of Jesus Christ. Our reconciliation with God is all summed up in Jesus.

Justify – this means to pronounce free from guilt or blame, to be declared righteous. Romans 5:1 – Therefore having been justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. So our justification is all summed up in Jesus. Can you imagine that? As the Trinity sums up all things in Jesus; it brings us to the Gospel of Jesus Christ which sums up all things in Jesus. So our reconciliation summed up in Jesus. Justification summed up in Jesus. Atonement satisfied through Jesus. Propitiation, the appeasement of the wrath of God all summed up in Jesus.

So the Father willed and decreed that creation occur. The Son created it. The Father willed and decreed that the Son of God come to Earth as a man to live a perfect life without sin, to go to the cross as the spotless Lamb of God, to save the world unto Himself, at least those who will believe that it's all summed up in Jesus in this regard. And then the Son came and achieved it. The Father looked to see who was worthy to rule over all and to judge all. He gave all authority and all judging to the Son. He willed and decreed it. And we're reminded in Revelation as the

Heavenly hosts looks and John the apostle in the Heavenly vision begins to cry because no one is worthy to open the seals to begin to exercise the judgment of God, to bring about all the plan of God for the end times, except One, the Lamb of God is worthy to open the seals. The Holy Spirit becomes the agent by which the Son exercises His rule and authority. But the Spirit does nothing except what He is told by the Son. The Spirit thus serves and glorifies the Son by implementing the rule of the Son and empowering us to be transformed into the image of the Son. The Spirit gives that which is of the Son to us. The Holy Spirit reveals God to us by bearing witness of the Son. The Holy Spirit reveals truth to us by bearing witness of the Son Who is truth. The Holy Spirit empowers us to holiness by transforming us into the image of the Son. So the Father and Son and Spirit are on the horizontal axis equal in value and purpose and all the essential characteristics that make God God. But the Father, Son, and Spirit assume hierarchical positions to carry out the functions of God, to will and decree, to create and achieve, and to implement the rule of the Son. These, therefore, carry out the functions of God and model for man how God would relate to God, how man is to relate to God, and how man is to relate to man in the authority structure established by our holy God.

But make no mistake, the plan of God is the following. The Godhead, the Trinity sums up all these things in Jesus. Do you think we can have a better plan? The Trinity is not led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Jesus. And that's how Paul prayed, remember, in II Corinthians 11:3 – I pray that you not be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Jesus. So as we observe the Trinity and how the Trinity relates to each other, to implement the plan of God for man, the Trinity is not led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Jesus. The beauty of the Word of God to me is the following. The more we know, the simpler it gets. The more we know, the simpler it gets. And you can take the totality of the Word of God and capsule it in one plan of God...to sum up all things in Jesus. So if we start to read the Word of God and start to think this is complicated, we need to remind ourselves of how simple this plan is that God has given us and simply go back to the position in your heart of summing up all things in Jesus.

Well my time is up for today and next time we'll continue this theme of summing up in Jesus as we begin to explore the essences of God, these essential characteristics of God, and how they're all summed up in Jesus. So man can't possibly get it wrong. So thank you for listening.