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"John (the Baptist) answered and said, 'A man can receive nothing, except it is given him <u>from</u> <u>Heaven</u>. You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but that I have been sent before Him.' He who has the bride is the Bridegroom (speaking of Jesus); but the friend of the Bridegroom, who stands and hears Him, rejoices greatly because of the Bridegroom's voice; therefore my joy is fulfilled. <u>He must increase, but I must decrease</u>. **He (speaking of** Jesus) who comes from above <u>is Above All</u>; he who is of the earth is earthly, and speaks of the earth. He who comes from Heaven <u>is Above All</u>. And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no man receives His testimony. He who has received His testimony has set to his seal_that God is true. For <u>He (Jesus) whom God has sent</u> speaks the words of God; for God does mot give the Spirit <u>by (limmited) measure</u> unto Him (i.e. Jesus has the full measure of the God's Holy Spirit)). The Father loves the Son, and has given <u>all things</u> into His hand. He who believes on the Son has Everlasting Life: and he who does not believe the Son <u>shall not</u> see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." (John 3:27-35)

He: from the Greek word <u>ho</u> which means: the definite article <u>the</u>, <u>that</u>, <u>this</u>; the-one, thatone, this-one. In context: '<u>The-one</u> coming from above – from heaven; speaking of Jesus. (Often translated '<u>He who</u> comes from above.')

Comes: from the Greek word <u>erchomenos</u> a verb which means: <u>coming</u>; from <u>erchomai</u>, meaning to come, to go. In context: Jesus, being sent by God the Father as His Christ-Messiah Savior, <u>came</u> from Heaven to earth.

From Above: from the Greek word <u>anothen</u> an adverb which means: <u>from-above; from a higher place;</u> Often used of things which come from heaven, or from God as dwelling in heaven. In context: Jesus came '<u>from</u>' the place '<u>above</u>' called Heaven - God's dwelling place.

Heaven: from the Greek word <u>ouranou</u> which means: heaven; the visible heavens - the atmosphere, the sky, the starry heavens, the spiritual Heaven. In context: The eternal glorious dwelling place of God, the place from where Jesus came from, having been sent by the Father; and where Jesus now sits as King of Kings at the Right Hand of The Father.

From: from the Greek word <u>**ek**</u> which means: <u>from</u>; with Heaven being the place <u>from</u> where Jesus came. Please see the attribute titled "<u>He Came Down From Heaven</u>" previously covered.

All: from the Greek word <u>panton</u> (an adjective) which means: all, each, every; each part, every part: in the sense of 'each and every part of a stated group(s) <u>that applies</u>. For example: all believers; or all unbelievers; or all nations, or all the commandments; etc.... In context: the 'all' is used alone without a specifically stated group being mentioned, therefore, the 'all' is more encompassing, in the sense of 'all' of everything.

Above: from the Greek word <u>epano</u> a preposition which means: <u>above</u>, <u>over</u>, on; on the top of, more-than, superior to. Depending on context, this refers to the authority, power, dominion, superior position of rank an preeminence, etc... that Christ Jesus has <u>over</u> and <u>above</u> all things <u>under</u> Him; with Jesus thus being <u>above and over</u> 'all' things which are <u>under</u> and <u>subjected</u> to Him; as specifically mentioned elsewhere within God's Word.

<u>From where</u> Jesus is 'from' (from Heaven) determines the fact that Jesus is <u>Above All</u> things!. John's twice use of the attribute '<u>is Above All</u>' refers to the preeminent Devine relationship that Christ Jesus has with the Father in Heaven; a relationship that continued during His first coming ministry years on earth; and during His current return to Heaven after His resurrection form the dead, and to the time of His second coming to earth and beyond into eternity. Consider the following:

Jesus said, "And no man has ascended up to heaven, but He who came down from heaven, even the Son of Man (Jesus) who is in heaven." (John 3:13)

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The attribute "Is Above All' of Jesus, is a shared attribute with God the Father in the sense that Jesus is the the Son of God - God incarnate, and thus equal with the Father sharing the same Devine nature. Consider the following attributes of the Father:

"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord (Jesus), one faith, one baptism, **One God and Father of all**, <u>who is above all</u>, and through all, and in you all." (Ephesians 4:4-6)

"O LORD our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth! who has set Your glory **above the heavens**." (Psalms 8:1)

"Be You exalted, O God, **above <u>the heavens</u>**; let Your glory **be above <u>all the earth</u>**." (Psalms 57:5)

"For the LORD is a great God, and a great King **above** <u>all gods</u>." (Psalms 95:3)

"For thou, LORD, are **high above all <u>the earth</u>**. You are exalted **far above <u>all gods</u>**." (Psalms 97:9)

"The LORD is great in Zion; and He is **high above** <u>all the people</u>." (Psalms 99:2)

"The LORD is **high above** <u>all nations</u>, and His glory **above** <u>the heavens</u>." (Psalms 113:4)

With the exception of <u>Himself</u>, the Father did put Jesus <u>above all</u>, by putting <u>all things</u> things in subjection under the feet of Jesus:

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall <u>all</u> be made alive. But <u>every</u> man in his own order: Christ the First-fruits; and afterwards those who are Christ's <u>at His (second) coming</u>. Then comes the end, when <u>He shall have delivered up the Kingdom to God</u>, even the Father; when He shall have **put down <u>all rule</u> and <u>all authority</u> and <u>power</u>. For He must reign, untill He has put <u>all enemies</u> under His feet**. The last enemy that shall be destroyed <u>is death</u>. For <u>He (the Father)</u> has put <u>all things</u> under His (Jesus) feet. But when <u>He</u> says <u>all things are put under Him (Jesus)</u>, it is evident that <u>He (the Father)</u> is the exception, who did **put <u>all things</u> under Him (Jesus)**. And when <u>all things</u> shall be subdued unto Him (Jesus), then shall the Son (Jesus) also Himself <u>be subject unto Him (the Father)</u> who **put <u>all</u> things under Him**, so that God may be <u>all in all</u>." (1 Corinthians 15:22-28)

There are other things and reasons why Jesus 'is Above All' things. Consider the following:

"... that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge <u>of Him</u>; that the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power towards us who believe, according to the working <u>of His (the Father's) mighty power, which He worked in Christ</u>, when He raised Him (Jesus) from the dead, **and set Him at His own Right Hand in the heavenly places**, <u>far above all principality</u>, <u>and power</u>, <u>and might</u>, <u>and dominion</u>, <u>and every name that is named</u> (speaking of all people throughout all time), not only in this world, but also in that which is to come. <u>And He (the Father) has put all things under His (Jesus) feet</u>, and gave Him (Jesus) to be <u>the Head over all things to the church</u>, which is His body, <u>the fulness of Him (the Father) who fills all in all</u>." (Ephesians 1:17-23)

"... The like figure by which even baptism does also now save us, (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the demand of a good conscience towards God,) through the resurrection of Jesus Christ; who has **gone into Heaven**, and is on the right hand of God; **angels and authorities and powers being made subject** unto **Him**." (I Peter 3:21-22)

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Consider what a great benefit it is for those who believe in Jesus – that even though through Him all things were created - He is Above All – yet He humbled Himself and became like us:

"... Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with <u>God</u>; but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion <u>as a man</u>, <u>He humbled</u> <u>Himself</u>, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross</u>. Therefore, God also has <u>highly exalted Him</u>, and given Him a Name which <u>is above</u> every name; so that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow: of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:6-11)

"... In whom (speaking of Jesus) we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of (our) sins; who is the Image of the Invisible God, the Firstborn of Every Creature. For through Him all things were created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they are thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created through Him, and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist (are held together). And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; so that in all things He might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him (in Jesus) should all fulness (of Deity) dwell." (Colossians 1:14-19)

Finally consider these precious exhortations:

"... In which He (God the Father) has abounded <u>towards us</u> in all wisdom and prudence; having made known <u>unto us</u> the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He has purposed in Himself; so that in the dispensation of the fulness of times <u>He might gather</u> together in one all things in <u>Christ</u>, both who are in heaven, and who are on earth; even i<u>n</u> <u>Him</u> in whom also <u>we have</u> obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who works all things after the counsel of His own will; so that we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ." (Ephesians 1:8-12)

"Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, unto a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him; but some doubted. **And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, '<u>All power is given unto Me</u> in Heaven and in earth. Go you therefore, and teach <u>all nations</u>, baptizing them <u>in the Name of the Father,</u> and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things, whatever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.' " (Matthew 28:16-20)**

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Jesus is above all principalities, all powers, all dominions, all gods, all angels, all kings and lords and rulers, all thrones, all nations, all enemies, all people, and every name that is named, and all things to the true Church in Christ!

Jesus is above all Creation: all things on earth, all things in the heavens! Jesus is above All Things!

And the Father is Above His Son Jesus!

All Praise, all Glory, all Honor, all Power, all Dominion, all Preeminence, be to You – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – forever and ever!

Thank You Lord Jesus – Always and always!