

# *All Things Are of God*

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*"And all things are of God ..."* (II Corinthians 5:18).

**T**here is no statement in the Bible, that was made by an apostle, that is more remarkable and even startling than this statement. When you think of it seriously, it seems as though Paul was very unguarded and careless in his language. We are apt to think that he ought to have modified and limited it in some way, such as for instance, all good things are of God.

But no, Paul makes the sweeping, unqualified statement, *"All things are of (i.e., out of) God."* Furthermore, so important did Paul consider this truth that he repeats it over and over again. The direct statement is made no less than six times in the writings of the apostle:

*"For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to Whom be glory for ever. Amen."* (Romans 11:36).

*"But to us there is but one God, the Father, of Whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom are all things, and we by Him"* (I Corinthians 8:6).

*"For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God"* (I Corinthians 11:12).

*"And all things are of God, Who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation"* (II Corinthians 5:18).

*"In Whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will"* (Ephesians 1:11).

*"For it became Him, for Whom are all things, and by Whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings"* (Hebrews 2:10).

Now was the apostle careless and a little too bold in these utterances, or did he mean just what he said, and are they true, taken full strength? I say, without any hesitation, yes, to the two latter questions. The more we learn (the more revelation) of God's works and ways the more we shall understand that in a sense absolutely "*all things are of God.*"

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