

FROM THE WORD --

## THE ALL-MIGHTY LITTLE WORD "ALL"

Only three letters long, and two of them are the skinniest of ALL letters -- "ll"!

The dictionary has a lot to say about it too -- look it up and see. We'll just look at a few of the meanings -- "the whole quantity or extent of," "the greatest possible amount," "everyone present," "everything" -- and on and on.

The Bible also has a lot to say using this little word, when we look at the extent it goes to explain a point. Paul said, "*For ALL have sinned and come short of the Glory of God*" (Romans 3:23), Jesus said, "*ALL Power is given unto Me in Heaven and on earth*" (Matthew 28:18), again, Paul said, "*ALL Scripture is given by inspiration of God -- and is Profitable*" (2 Timothy 3:16).

The Apostle Paul using an example from the Old Testament about Adam, "*Through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus sin spread to ALL men, because ALL have sinned*" (Romans 5:12).

It ALL began with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. God made a perfect garden, He made a perfect man and a perfect woman -- He put ALL together, ALL they would need for a perfect life -- with just ONE rule -- help yourselves to whatever you want -- BUT -- do not eat the fruit of ONE tree (Genesis 2:16,17).

Think of it -- what a perfect place with everything you could possibly want fully provided -- with only one restriction. The devil tempted the woman and she did eat and passed it on to the man - - and sin entered this formerly perfect place -- and this sin has been passed down through the ages to ALL men and ALL women -- including you and I today.

Two more verses, "*ALL unrighteousness is sin*" (1 John 5:17) -- BUT -- there is hope, "*And we know that ALL things work together for Good to those who Love God*" (Romans 8:28).

Now, let's look back at the verses we have already read in this article, and apply them to our individual lives -- we ALL have followed Adam and Eve in the sin department -- they performed the act of purposely eating the forbidden fruit, and we inherited their act of disobedience by simply being born in the very sin they committed.

Many people really can't figure it ALL out, and neither can I on my own -- BUT -- the Bible makes it ALL perfectly clear that we are ALL sinners and must do something about it before we die. God knew ALL about this and provided the remedy that would remove this sin from us and make us worthy to enter His Heaven.

He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the penalty for our sin and erase ALL the stain from our record. "*For God so loved the people of the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that if we Believe in Him we will not perish, but have Everlasting Life*" (John 3:16) and "*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness*" (1 John 1:9).

Think of it -- one act of repentance, confession, believing, receiving, and acknowledging takes away ALL our sin -- past, present, and future -- and invites us to His Throne of Grace to reign and rule with Him forever -- WOW -- He did it ALL for you and me -- ALL we have to do is accept His love and live for Him.

ALL HAVE SINNED -- ALL NEED SALVATION --

ALL MUST BELIEVE AND REPENT

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