

of existence for others following God, to our mutual benefit and the glory of God. Additionally, even though the director is at one with the music he is creating, he does not lose his identity.

Just because the essence of God's spirit exists throughout eternity in all things, He does not lose His own personal identity. He is an entity as individual as you or I. Of this I personally testify. Similarly, we will not lose our identity as we become at one with Him.

As we seek light and truth, we need to learn that there is one great truth, one great reality that transcends all other truths and incorporates them all into one great whole. That truth is the atonement of Christ. Christ's atonement is infinite and more encompassing than we realize. He created all things that exist by distributing and organizing that essence I call intelligence or the light of Christ into various creations. This spirit essence is intricately connected with light, truth, and goodness. It is why the elements and all creation obey the laws of physics. All these creations have an ability to ignore these physical laws, yet because their nature comes from God, they consistently obey. Now, how does this apply to the atonement?

Christ descended below all things to make all things subject to Him.¹¹¹ While Christ was in the Garden of Gethsemane, He bore the weight of all of the hurt and wrong throughout the history of the world. Christ was partly human, and the pain and anguish He felt was as real as the miniscule pain, in comparison, which we suffer when we are injured. His pain was so excruciating that He bled from every pore of his human body. No mortal could endure such agony. Christ was only able to live through this experience because He had power over death which He inherited from God, His

physical father. Even then, He pled to have the bitter cup removed from Him, if possible. Nevertheless, He submitted to His Father's will and drank it up.¹¹²

Christ had a choice to make. He could escape the excruciating pain from all the hurt caused by sin throughout the world's existence and the agonizing death by crucifixion, but instead He chose to submit to God's will and bear it. Christ used His free will and chose to become unified with love, compassion and goodness while He was in the midst of suffering incomprehensible anguish caused by all of us, the very individuals on whom He had compassion while suffering through this ordeal. What goodness! What love! How marvelous! How incomprehensible! No words can describe the wonder of it all.

Christ remained true to the essence of the Spirit of God, which is love, light, truth, and goodness, while He carried the weight of the whole universe on His shoulders. He swallowed up all pain, suffering, evil, error, sickness, and even death itself, through the power of His infinite love and goodness. In this process, all things became subject to Him. He can heal a broken heart, fix a ruined life, and raise us from the dead. Because He is so good, He is all powerful. His unity with the essence of God (love, truth and goodness) makes all things subject to Him because all things have a portion of this essence or intelligence, the light of Christ, in them.

The whole purpose of our existence is to become at one with God. That is what Christ prayed for in the Garden of Gethsemane shortly before his crucifixion. Christ prayed that we "may be one; as thou, Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us. . . . and the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as