

# In God's economy Christ is unique

Experience of Christ—As God's Centrality and Universality

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff (measures 1-8) has chords F, C/E, Dm, C, F, Bb, F, C. The second staff (measures 9-16) has chords F, C7/G, F/A, Bb, C, F, Bb, F/C, C, F. The third staff (measures 17-24) is labeled 'Chorus' and has chords F, Bb, F, C7, F, Bb, F/C, C. The fourth staff (measures 25-32) has chords F, Bb, F, C7, F, Bb, F/C, C7, F. The lyrics are: '1. In God's e - con - o - my Christ is u - nique; He holds the first place and cen - tral - i - ty. All is in Him, through Him, and un - to Him; He is all— the u - ni - ver - sal - i - ty. (C) Christ plus noth - ing, Christ plus noth - ing is ev - ery - thing; In God's e - ter - nal e - con - o - my Christ plus noth - ing e - quals ev - ery - thing.'

2. Within the Godhead the center is Christ,  
In Him the fullness is pleased thus to dwell;  
All that the Father is He doth express  
And of His Person the Spirit doth tell.

3. The universe was created through Christ,  
In Him do all things cohere and subsist;  
Framed by His Word and upheld by His power,  
As the Firstborn in whom all things exist.

4. Looking away from the prophets and law,  
Christ, God's delight and beloved, we see;  
For all things testify concerning Him,  
Of all the shadows, the body is He.

5. In the new man Christ is all and in all,  
In resurrection the Firstborn is He,  
All persons, matters, and things are crossed out,  
Christ alone is the constituency.

6. The New Jerusalem will consummate  
With Christ, as Head, over all things to be  
The Lamb enthroned—its unique centerpiece  
Ruling and reigning for eternity.

7. Christ as the element, sphere, means, and goal  
Must be our center, our focus, and aim;  
In God's economy Christ must be all:  
The inward substance and the outward frame.

8. Oh, may it be—Christ plus nothing in me;  
Neither my old man self-cultivating  
Nor substitute, nor addition to Thee  
But Christ as all and in all—everything.