

## Doctrines of the Reformation

### Solus Christus - Through Christ Alone

#### Ephesians 1:3-12

*John 5:39 "You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!"*

*Solus Christus – "Through Christ alone." Salvation is accomplished by Christ alone, and mediated by Christ alone—not by angels, saints, relics, sacraments, priests, teachers, churches, or anyone or anything else. Christ alone was the perfect Savior, and he alone is the perfect prophet, priest and king.*

*Solo Christo (Latin: by Christ alone) is one of the five Solae that summarize the Protestant Reformers' basic belief that salvation is obtained through the atoning work of Christ alone, apart from individual works, and that Christ is the only mediator between God and man. It holds that salvation cannot be obtained without Christ.*

#### I. Christ is the only Sacrifice for Salvation

- A. He is the fullness of God in human form *Philippians 2:6*  
*Colossians 2:9 For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.*
- B. He is the only valid sacrifice for sin *Hebrews 10:10, 12, 14*  
*Acts 4:12 There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."*
- C. His sacrifice is sufficient for all our sins *Colossians 1:13-14*  
*Ephesians 1:7 In him (Christ) we have through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace*

#### II. Christ is the only Mediator between God and men

- A. He is the only Mediator *John 14:6*  
*1 Timothy 2:5 There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus.*
- B. He is the only Priest *Hebrews 4:14-16*  
*Hebrews 2:17-18 For this reason he had to be made like them,<sup>[a]</sup> fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*

#### III. Christ is the only Strength to live the Christian life.

- A. The way to God is open through Christ *Matthew 27: 50-51 And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split*

#### B. We are made complete in Him *Colossians 2: 6-10 And now, just*

*as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.*

**C. All believers are priest before His throne** *1 Peter 2:9 But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.*

*What this doctrine does not exclude*

1. The need of the Church - it is the body of Christ
2. The ministry - ordained by and recognized by God  
Elders are to be pastor/teachers of the Word
3. The need of the Trinity - God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

#### What is the outcome of Solus Christus?

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."* *2 Corinthians 5:17*

**Eternal Life - Christ died for us**

*John 3:16 For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.*

**Internal Life - Christ empowers us in life**

*Galatians 2:20 My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

**Intimate Life - Christ dwells in us**

*John 14:23 Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them.*



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