

SOLUS CHRISTO: "CHRIST ALONE"

Acts 4.10-12

WHAT IT IS, WHAT IT ISN'T

In Luther's day, the Catholic Church had been for hundreds of years teaching other means by which believers must go through in order to have salvation. The Pope was their high authority, priests offered penance and forgiveness, and Mary was prayed to as the "co-mediator" of salvation.

Acts 4.10-12 // 2 Timothy 2.5

A BRIEF HISTORY OF HOPE

Genesis 3.15 // Romans 3.23

From the beginning, man was hoping for, and expecting, a way for their sin and guilt to be atoned for. The Hebrew word 'atonement' means 'cover.' They knew that God, being a good Judge, could not just "look the other way," and so they awaited a time when someone could undo what had been done. God had even promises that a man would someday be born who could "but back" all that had been sold and handed over by our sin. But, this would prove (almost) futile:

- Adam and Eve had one rule, and they broke it.
- Their son killed their other son.
- Noah was obedient! But after the flood he got drunk and naked in his tent
- How about Moses! Moses had a long list of sin that stemmed from his anger.
- David, a married man, saw a woman he wanted, got her pregnant, and then had her husband, who was also his friend and general in his army, purposely killed in battle.

**Only God *could* be our redeemer,
but God *should not* be our redeemer.**

**Only man *should* be our redeemer,
but man *could not* be our redeemer.**

2 Corinthians 5.21 // Revelation 5.1-5

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

**Jesus was born so that He could die.
From His youth, indeed even from His birth,
the cross cast its shadow ahead of Him.
His death was central to His mission.**

-John Stott

Three important truths that the cross causes Christ alone to become for us:

- **Satisfaction:** Christ alone did everything to gain God's satisfaction for you
- **Sacrifice:** Christ alone fulfilled the IOU to purchase your forgiveness
- **Substitute:** Christ alone can take on your sin and offer you His righteousness

Hebrews 2.17 // John 14.6 // 1 Peter 2.24 // Isaiah 53.4, 5 // Romans 8.3, 4

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 5:19

For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Katie McGinty** at katie@lifemission.tv

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders** stay in the service with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school. Our **wid-week High School Ministry meets once a month** here at Classical Academy, in the Study Hall. Email **Casey Barnes** at casey@lifemission.tv for info about meeting dates/times or questions about our student ministries.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

Read **Acts 4.10-12** and **2 Timothy 2.5**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday? _____

What are some of the most common ways we as humans try to "atone" or "cover" our sin? _____

Why, ultimately, do each of these other means fail? _____

In this day and age, most people who have an arbitrary belief in God often think it is God's job just to "look the other way." Why do you think this is such a common belief? And why is this not the case? _____

Read **Romans 3.23-26**. Paul tells us that all have sinned, and we are justified through the gift of Christ. It says that God put forward Christ to be the "propitiation," which means "satisfaction" for sin. He then gives the reason, starting with "[So] that..." Explain what Paul gives as a reason for why Jesus had to be punished. _____

Paul says that God did this in order to reveal His righteousness. Up to this time, He had been patient with our sin, allowing these "IOU" placeholders of blood from bulls and goats. But God will not be shown up or mocked; justice will prevail and sin (nor sinners) will escape the divine righteous and perfect wrath of the Good Judge. But lastly, look at the phrase, "so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus." What does this tell you about the character of God, and what does it tell you about what His role in our salvation is? _____

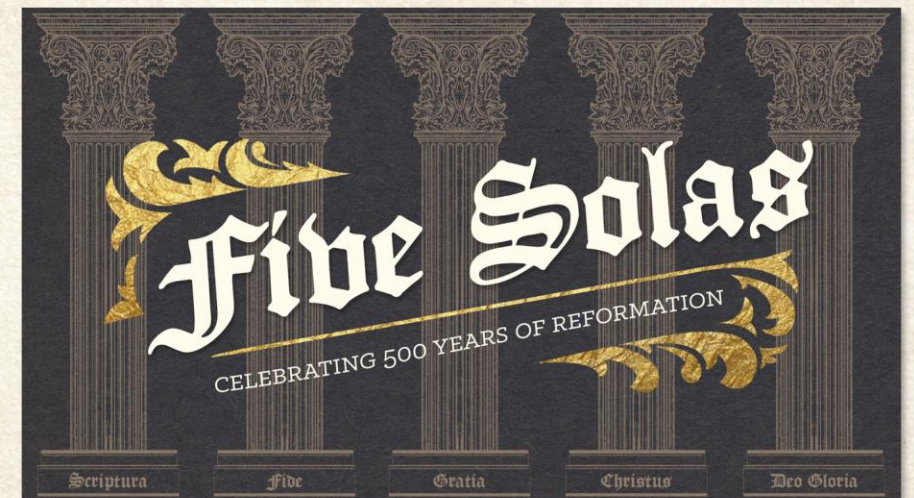
God is not only perfectly just and will therefore punish sin, but He is *also*, in and through His Son, the one who will be the one who *justifies* us! He alone is our satisfaction, our sacrifice, and our substitute, *even though* He is also the one who has the right (and holy obligation) to punish us! Spend time as a group in prayer giving God thanks for the Good News of the Christ, that He alone not only is our only way for salvation, but that He Himself offered Himself up because of His love.



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