**Boastbusters: Soli Deo Gloria**

_Ephesians 2:9b_

I. God’s purpose and design for salvation is that it would direct all glory to Him

II. Three delusions
   A. **L**________________ - which claims we are saved by our doing good
   B. **S**________________ - which looks to the sacraments of the church for salvation
   C. **A**________________ - following the teachings of J. Arminius which teaches that faith comes from within ourselves

III. How God saves, by grace thru __________________ alone secures glory only for Him

IV. Who God saves, the common, the weak, secures glory only for Him

V. The exclusion of **b**________________

VI. Boasting redirected toward **C**________________
   - what it means to glory in Jesus
**Scripture References:**
(New American Standard Bible (NASB) is used unless otherwise indicated)

**Ephesians 2:4-9**
But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace we have been saved), 6and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. 7so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**Hebrews 12:2**
Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith.

**Romans 4:1-4**
What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? 2For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” 4Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due.

**1 Corinthians 1:26-30a**
For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; 27but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, 28and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, 29so that no man may boast before God. 30But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus.

**Romans 3:23-24**
For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

**Romans 3:27**
Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.

**Matthew 7:22**
‘Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’
Philippians 3:3-8
We are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh. 

Although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: 

circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; 

as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless. 

But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 

More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ.

Psalm 34:2a
My soul shall make its boast in the Lord.

Galatians 6:14ab
But may it never be that I would boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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