

Solo Christus – Christ Alone

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1 Corinthians 2:2; 2 Corinthians 11:3

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Heidelberg Catechism Q30: Do those who seek their salvation or well-being in saints, in themselves, or anywhere else, also believe in the only Savior Jesus?

A30: No. Though they boast of him in words, they in fact deny the only Savior Jesus. For one of two things must be true: 1) either Jesus is not a complete Savior, or 2) those who by true faith accept this Savior must find in him all that is necessary for their salvation.

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Things that distract us from Christ Alone:

- Religious things - rituals, practices, habits,
- Religious talk & language
- Charismatic leaders/teachers
- Ideas or programs which 'improve' Christ

What is Central to Your Spiritual Life?

- Christ Alone or is it an "it"?
Experience, school of thought such as Calvinism, Arminianism, eschatological view, denomination, mission approach, etc.
- Christ Alone or confidence in earthly things?
Circumcision, keeping law, being Good, read bible daily, memorize Bible
Paul's confidence: Phil 3:4-6 All Rubbish: Phil 3:7-21

For Thought & Discussion:

- "Christ Alone" can be difficult to explain. How would you explain it to a person outside the church? *Great Exchange*
- Peter writes 1 Peter 1:13-19. How do we focus on Christ Alone and not earning our way to God by our 'hard work of obedience'?
- Read Romans 6:1-4. How does walking in Christ Alone relate to walking in obedience? What is the balance between "being moral", "walking in holiness", and "walking in Christ Alone"?
- Would you agree with the statements:
 - > "The heart of the gospel is not about us. The heart of the gospel is Christ for us". Discuss how we apply that to life.
 - > "Christ came for us, to do for us what we could not and would not do. He obeyed. He was crucified. He was raised. He is ascended He is returning." The medieval church turned the gospel into a message about what Christ is doing in us, by grace, in sanctification and about what we must do to do our part in order to benefit – how does that differ from Christ Alone?

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