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Solus Christus—Christ Alone

Exodus 17:8-13

Intro

- The Scriptures alone reveal that God justifies and saves His people by grace alone, received by faith alone in the Person and work of Christ alone for the glory of God alone.
- The exclusivity of Christ alone...

***Acts 4:11-12** "This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

***Matt. 16:15-16** He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

- "You are the Christ" – The sufficiency of the work of Christ.
- "The Son of the living God" – The supremacy of the Person of Christ.

The Supremacy of the Person of Christ

- Christ alone has the exclusive ability and right to save God's people.

***John 1:1-4** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men...*

***Phil 2:6** ...though [Christ] was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped 7 but emptied Himself...*

Col 1:15-20 [Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. 18 And He is the Head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. 19 For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell...

- Many Scriptures show Jesus' supremacy over disease, demons, and death (**Matt. 8:1-13; 28-14**).
- The fact of the supremacy of Christ is proven in His resurrection:

Rom 1:4 ...[Jesus] was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead...

- The resurrection proves that Christ alone is the "Author and Perfecter of our faith" (**Heb. 12:2**).

The Sufficiency of the Work of Christ

- Jesus, after enduring the wrath of God for our sin, proclaimed, "It is finished" (**John 19:30**). Everything necessary for the full, final, and forever forgiveness of God's people was complete.

Heb 10:12,14 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God...14 For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified...

- What does the all-sufficiency of the work of Christ mean to us today and every day?

Col 1:13-14 [Christ alone] has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption [in His blood-Rom.3:25], the forgiveness of sins...[now- Rom.8:1, Col. 2:13]

Eph 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ in the heavenlies...*

2 Cor 5:21 *God made [Christ alone] Who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the Righteousness of God*

Col. 2:10 *...you are complete in Him...*

- How complete?

Rom. 5:1 *...justified by faith [in Christ alone]...*

Rom. 8:1 *...no condemnation in Christ [alone]...*

2 Cor. 5:17 *...a new creation [in Christ alone]...*

Rom. 8:37 *...more than conquerors in Christ [alone]...*

Eph. 1:5 *...adopted through Christ [alone]...*

Rom. 15:16 *...sanctified by the Holy Spirit [in Christ alone]...*

The Exclusivity of Christ

- What does the exclusivity of Christ alone mean for us?
 - Christ alone died for us
 - Christ alone rose for us
 - Christ alone ascended for us
 - Christ alone was exalted for us
 - Christ alone sent the Spirit for us
 - Christ alone lives in us
 - Christ alone will return for us
- By the time of the Reformation, the church taught the supremacy of Christ alone but had undermined the sufficiency of the work of Christ alone by adding sacramental requirements to the work of Christ.
 - Indulgences, the sacrifice of the mass, days of obligation, dependence upon the saints for answers to prayer.

- Such teachings gutted the work of Christ and created an alternative Gospel.

Gal 1:6-9 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel.... 8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed [eternally condemned]

Christ Alone Today

- Today, the exclusivity of Christ is challenged by the culture...
- Let us know the Scriptures, believe them, live them, and proclaim them through the testimony of our lives so that Christ alone is proclaimed as true for today and for eternity.