

**“What it Means to be Reformed”; Session # 65, Solus Christus - “Salvation in Christ Alone”, Prepared by Pastor Paul Rendall for the Adult Sunday School Class on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.**

“Solus Christus (“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.” “Salvation cannot be obtained without Christ.” – Quote taken from Wikipedia.

**1. We confess that salvation is found only in Christ; or through Christ alone.**

We believe that salvation is obtained on the basis of faith in Christ’s Person and His work alone.

**a. The Testimony of the Bible is this:**

John 13: 31 - 14: 6 – So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him.’ “If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately.” “Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come,’ so now I say to you.” “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.” “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” “Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, where are You going?” Jesus answered him, “Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward.” “Peter said to Him, ‘Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake.’” “Jesus answered him, ‘Will you lay down your life for My sake?’” “Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.” “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.” “In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.” “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.” “And where I go you know, and the way you know.” “Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?” “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

Acts 4: 10-12 – “Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.” “This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.” “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Romans 11: 5 and 6 – “Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace.” “And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace.” “But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.”

1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2: 5 and 6 – “For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.”

**b. The Testimony of the Nicene Creed is this:**

“I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not

made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.”

**c. The Testimony of our Confession is this:**

It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, according to the covenant made between them both, (a) to be the mediator between God and man; the (b) prophet, (c) priest, and (d) king; head and savior of the church, the heir of all things, and judge of the world; unto whom He did from all eternity (e) give a people to be His seed and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

a) Isaiah 42: 1    1Pe 1:19-20;    b) Act 3: 22;    c) Hebrews 5: 5-6;    d) Psalm 2: 6    Luke 1: 3

Ephesians 1: 22-23    Hebrews 1: 2    Acts 17: 31;    (e) Isaiah 53: 10    John 17: 6    Rom 8: 30