



# THE 5 SOLAS OF THE REFORMATION

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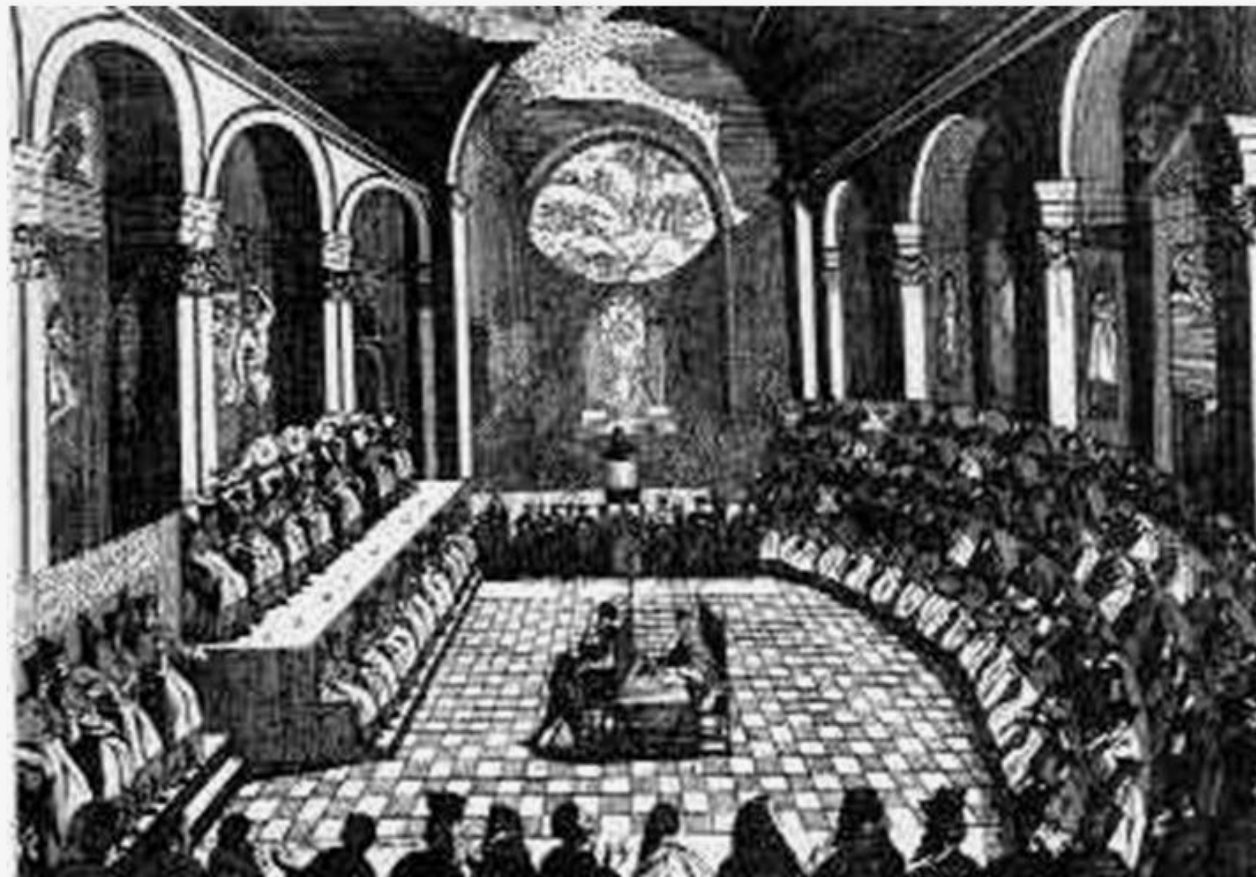
A wooden cross is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the image, extending from the top edge down towards the bottom. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams. The background is a solid black. The text 'SOLUS CHRISTUS' is written in a bold, distressed, white font. 'SOLUS' is on the top line, and 'CHRISTUS' is on the bottom line, with the cross passing through the middle of the word 'CHRISTUS'.

**SOLUS**

**CHRISTUS**



# *The Catholic Counter-Reformation*



# R.C.C – VIEW OF SOLUS CHRISTUS

## WHAT THEY BELIEVE AND PRACTICE:

- ❖ Solus Christus (Christ Alone) versus Totus Christus (the Whole Christ). If one wants to capture the difference between the evangelical faith and Roman Catholicism, here it is.
- ❖ On the one hand, the evangelical stress on the uniqueness of Jesus's person (the God-man) and His atoning work; on the other, the Roman Catholic insistence on the organic relationship between Christ and the Church.



# R.C.C – VIEW OF SOLUS CHRISTUS

- ❖ Essential to Roman Catholicism is what Gregg Allison has helpfully termed the “Christ-Church interconnection.” The Church is considered a prolongation of the Incarnation, mirroring Christ as a Divine-human reality, acting as an altera persona Christi, a second “Christ.”
- ❖ The threefold ministry of Christ as King, Priest, and Prophet is thus transposed to the Roman Church—in its hierarchical rule, its magisterial interpretation of the Word, and its administration of the sacraments. There is never solus Christus (Christ alone), only Christus in ecclesia (Christ in the Church) and ecclesia in Christo (the Church in Christ).



# THE REFORMERS



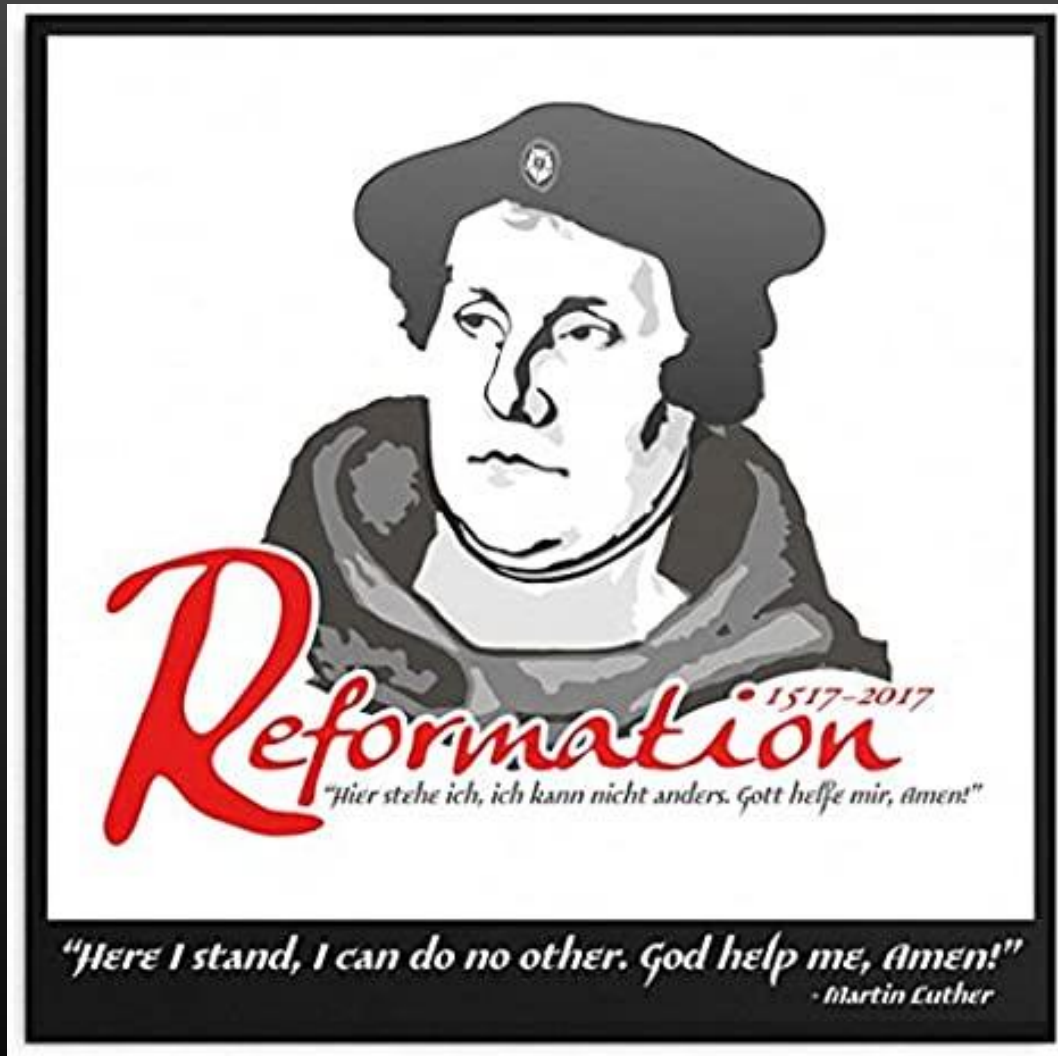
**Christ alone is not a slogan, it is the center of the solas by which the Reformers recovered the grace of God through faith alone and declared the glory of God.**

Salvation through Jesus Christ alone is the heart of the Reformation. All of the practices and teachings that Luther and the Reformers wanted to change were problematic because they got Jesus wrong. **They either added to or took away from His work, and replaced Jesus' works (gospel) with human works (law).**





In many cases, people were told that they had to do something in addition to what Jesus had done for them. Whether it was an outward action (indulgences, fasting, pilgrimages), or an inward disposition (repentance, love, devotion), people were told that **the works of Jesus were not enough**, that they had to cooperate with Jesus and do their part in order to be saved.



WHEN I LOOK AT  
MYSELF I DON'T SEE  
HOW I CAN BE SAVED,  
BUT WHEN I LOOK AT  
JESUS I DON'T SEE  
HOW I CAN BE LOST

# SOLUS CHRISTUS

The ideas embedded in the confession of solus Christus are vital to biblical Christianity, shaping both our doctrine and our practice.

- If the Trinity is the foundation of all fundamental articles of the faith, then Christology invites us into the fellowship of the triune God. Yet we must remember that sound doctrine is a means of knowing God in Christ by the Spirit, and so the gospel is the ground of our personal experience as well. While the Spirit brings Christians to Christ in different ways, we all have the same testimony, which is **the work of Christ**.
- Confessing solus Christus means receiving and resting on Christ, the whole Christ, and nothing but the Christ, as he is offered freely to us in the gospel.

# AFTER THE FALL



**A NEED FOR A SAVIOUR  
ANNOUNCED**

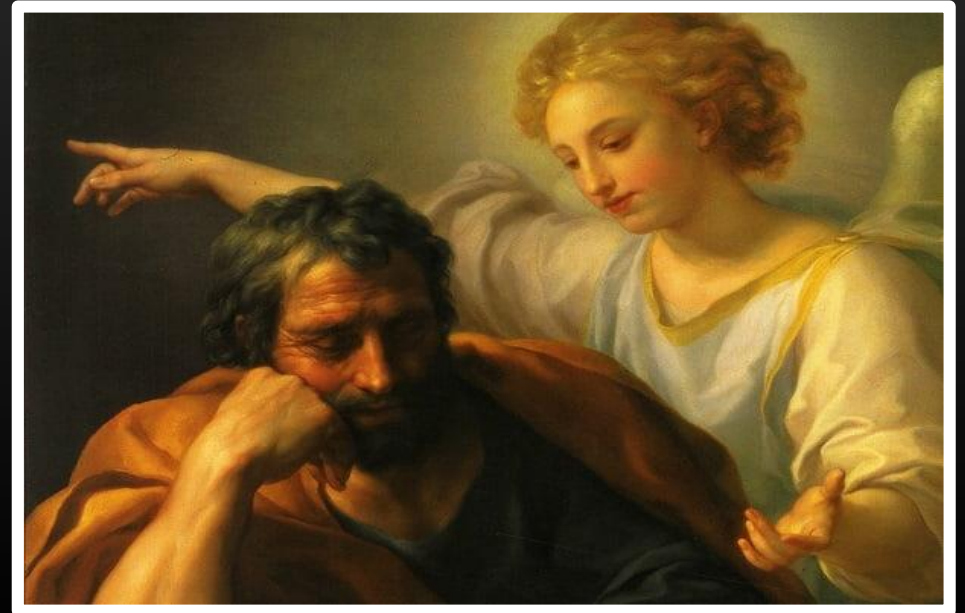
**Genesis 3:14-15** - The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; **he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.**"



# ANNOUNCEMENT OF JESUS BIRTH TO JOSEPH

**Matthew 1:21-24** - And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for ***he will save his people from their sins.***”

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).





# LUKE-ACTS

**Acts 4:1012** - let it be known to all of you 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 is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. **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.**

**John 3:36** - **Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life**; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.



**John 14:6** - Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. **No one** comes to the Father except through me.

**1 John 5:11-12** - And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, **and this life is in his Son**. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

# **HYMN: IN CHRIST ALONE**

**In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**Song by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend**

# CHARLES SPURGEON



*I have a great  
need for Christ; I  
have a great  
Christ for my  
need.*

# MARTIN LUTHER

The cross alone  
is our theology



# APOSTLE PAUL

## 1 Corinthians 2:2

For I decided to know  
nothing among you  
except Jesus Christ and  
him crucified.



# PRACTICAL APPLICATION



# BEGIN WITH: THANKSGIVING TO GOD

Colossians 1:12-14 - *giving thanks to the Father*, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.



If you want to interpret the Bible well and confidently, set Christ before you, for He is the man to whom it all applies, every bit of it.. **Martin Luther**



