

“What it Means to be Reformed”; Session # 67, Solus Christus - “Christ – The Light of the World”, Prepared by Pastor Paul Rendall for the Adult Sunday School Class on February 7th, 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: In terms of Christ’s Person, He is one Person. And yet in that one Person there are two natures. The Person of the Divine Son took to Himself human nature.

John 1: 1-4 – “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” “He was in the beginning with God.” “All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.” “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.”

John 1: 14 – “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

1st 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.”