

# Solas Christ Alone 2 Corinthians 5:21

Central Question: Is there anything that needs to be added to the completed work of Christ for our salvation?

*"The Reformers taught that salvation is by and through the work of Jesus Christ only, which is what the slogan solus Christus refers to. It means that [through the cross and the empty tomb] Jesus has done it all so that now no merit on the part of man, no merit of the saints, no works of ours performed either here or in purgatory can add to his completed saving work." James Boice*

## Understanding The Work Of Christ On Our Behalf

### 1. Our \_\_\_\_\_

Righteous in the Bible basically means perfect Obedience. A righteous person is one who always does what is right.

*"as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." (Romans 3:10-12)*

See Galatians 3:10

## 2. Christ's

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*"He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth." (1 Peter 2:22)*

*"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin."*

(Hebrews 4:15)

See John 8:29 and Philippians 2:8

## 3. Our sin

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### to Christ

*"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed." (1 Peter 2:24)*

See Galatians 3:13 and Isaiah 53:6

## 4. Christ's righteousness

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### to us

*"For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous."*

(Romans 5:19)

*"And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,"*

(Colossians 1:21-22)

*“and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—”* (Philippians 3:9)

## **My Response To The Work Of Christ**

See Galatians 2:16

### **Faith In Christ Involves:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ - Renouncing any trust in our own performance as the basis of our acceptance before God
- \_\_\_\_\_ - Relying entirely on the perfect life and death of Christ as the sole basis for our acceptance before God

See Galatians 2:20

*“Our worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God’s grace. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God’s grace.”* Jerry Bridges

## **Six A-mazing Benefits Of Relying On Christ’s Righteousness**

- \_\_\_\_\_ by God - his favor
- \_\_\_\_\_ to his holy presence - his fellowship

- \_\_\_\_\_ into his family – his community
- \_\_\_\_\_ into heaven – his eternal life
- \_\_\_\_\_ of our daily provisions – his earthly sustenance
- \_\_\_\_\_ to live the life God designed me for – his strength

### **Warning: Two Subtle Snares:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

*“I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.” (Galatians 2:21)*

2. \_\_\_\_\_

See 1 Timothy 1:13-15

### **Making It Personal:**

- Am I personally renouncing self-reliance and relying totally on the perfect life and death of Jesus Christ as the sole basis for my acceptance before God?
- Where might I be struggling with self-righteousness?
- Where might I be struggling with persistent guilt?
- Who can I share these truths with?