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SOLUS CHRISTUS

(Christ Alone)

FAITH DECONSTRUCTION

Definition of Faith Deconstruction

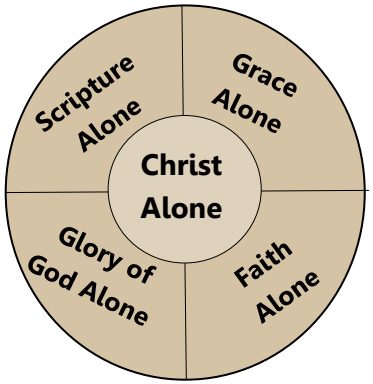
> "A phenomenon within American evangelicalism in which Christians rethink their faith and jettison previously held beliefs, sometimes to the point of no longer identifying as Christians." Wikipedia

Three Different Results of Faith Deconstruction

1. You develop a mature faith that sets aside needless religious baggage.
2. You create an immature faith that is less offensive to culture.
3. You give up on your Christian faith altogether because you relinquish the authority of the Bible.

THE FIVE SOLAS

We are made right with God
by _____ alone
through _____ alone
in _____ alone
as revealed in _____ alone—
all for the _____ of God alone.



Christ alone is the center of our salvation.

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people."
1 Timothy 2:5-6

Paul warned against deconstructing the Gospel

(Philippians 3:1-11)

1. **False: Jesus + my _____ = salvation**

   "Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh–"
   Philippians 3:2-3

2. **False: Jesus + my _____ = salvation**

   ". . . though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:
   "circumcised on the 8th day" - Religious privilege
   "of the people of Israel" - Ethnic Privilege
   "of the tribe of Benjamin" - Family privilege
   "a Hebrew of Hebrews" - Cultural privilege
   "as to the law, a Pharisee" - Educational achievements
   "as for zeal, a persecutor of the church" - Hustle award
   "under the law, blameless" - Moral achievement
   Philippians 3:4-6

3. **Jesus + _____ = Nothing**

   Jesus + _____ = Salvation

   "But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. [8]What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ [9]and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. [10]I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, [11]and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead."
   Philippians 3:7-11

Implications of Christ Alone

1. **Solus Christus means we must _____ about salvation.**
2. **Solus Christus means we must _____ false gospels.**
3. **Solus Christus is offensive to the world, so _____ _____ for their respect.**
4. **Solus Christus requires us to _____ our own resistance to "Jesus alone."**

Our Guiding Question . . .

"Because Christ alone saved me and dwells in me, how shall I live?"