



SOLA: Christus

November 6, 2022

Speaker: Pastor Mark Batterson

Scripture: John 1:1-3, John 1:4, John 1:14

Sermon Overview: We were saved SOLA GRATIA (by Grace alone), SOLA FIDE (by Faith alone), SOLUS CHRISTUS (in Christ alone), SOLA SCRIPTURA (Scripture alone), SOLI DEO GLORIA (for the Glory of God alone).

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What areas do you find yourself deconstructing right now?
1. Where are you at in the reconstruction process? What are your anchors?
2. What did Paul mean by Philippians 2:12 that says, “Work out your salvation with fear and trembling?”

Sermon Specific Questions:

1. Solus Christus, or *Christ alone*, is central and connects all the doctrines of our theology. Ephesians 2:20 declares that “...Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.” In John 1:1, the *Word* refers to Jesus the Messiah and “the light of all mankind.” Light is essential to life and represents all that is good, holy, and true. How does our comprehension of Christ’s distinctive identity and sufficient work influence our understanding of *in Christ alone*?
2. Colossians 1:27 proclaims, “To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of

glory.” Since you are in Christ and Christ is in you, what are three practical ways you can shine light?

3. Christ is described in John 1:14 as being “full of grace and truth.” How have you experienced the Lord’s grace and truth in your life? Can you identify 2-3 people who you can extend grace and truth to? How can you share truth with grace?

Digging Deeper:

- Lectio Divina: Contemplative Prayer
 - Select a Scripture passage upon which to reflect:
 - *“For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together” (Col 1:16–17).*
 - Read the passage — preferably out loud — two or three times.
 - Meditate on the word or phrase that stood out to you.
 - Respond to God who has been speaking to you.
 - Still yourself and rest in the loving embrace of your Maker.

Practical Application:

- House of Prayer - meets Thursdays at 7:14 pm at Capital Turnaround. Join us every Thursday at Capital Turnaround. Visit ncc.re/houseofprayer for more details.
- Upper Room is a new community space dedicated solely to prayer. All are welcome. Upper Room prayer sets are at the Capital Turnaround (8th and L St. entrance).
- Join in Focused Prayer Set Times (visit times at ncc.re/hop):
 - Tuesdays, 9am in the Upper Room
 - Wednesdays: Virtually 7:14 am on [Upper Zoom](#) (use link to fill out the form and see dates) and 7:14am in person at Upper Room
 - Thursdays: 12pm visit times at ncc.re/hop
- Download the NCC app or visit ncc.re/daily to listen to short, daily teachings M-F accompanying this series.
- Join a small group ncc.re/groups to discover ways you can use your talents and passions to serve the various church campuses in-person and online.
- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).