

THE FIVE SOLAS

Talk 3: Christ Alone (*Solus Christus*)

Introduction

The uniqueness of Jesus Christ

Q. What do we learn about Jesus?

Hebrews 1:1-4	Hebrews 2:14-18 (4:15)
Summary:	Summary:

“It is finished”

- **Our perfect mediator**

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time.

- **Our perfect priest**

Hebrews 5:1 Every high priest is selected from among men and is appointed to represent them in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

GOD



MAN

Exodus 28:21 There are to be twelve stones, one for each of the names of the sons of Israel, each engraved like a seal with the name of one of the twelve tribes.

Exodus 28:29 “Whenever Aaron enters the Holy Place, he will bear the names of the sons of Israel over his heart on the breastpiece of decision as a continuing memorial before the LORD.”

Hebrews 10:11-14

“It continues” (Roman Catholicism)

- **The Mass**

“The more detestable is the fabrication of those whom, not content with Christ’s priesthood, have presumed to sacrifice him anew! The papists attempt this each day, considering the Mass as the sacrificing of Christ.” John Calvin, Institutes 2.15.6

The Mass *“inflicts signal dishonor upon Christ, buries and oppresses his cross, consigns his death to oblivion [and] takes away the benefit which came to us from it.” John Calvin*

- **Praying to saints**

*Hail Mary, full of grace.
Our Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

“Mary places herself between her Son and mankind in the reality of their wants, needs and sufferings. She puts herself ‘in the middle’—that is to say, she acts as a mediatrix not as an outsider, but in her position as mother. She knows that as such she can point out to her Son the needs of mankind, and in fact, she ‘has the right’ to do so.” Pope John Paul II

“The mediation of saints casts disgrace upon Christ, as if he was not alone sufficient...” Francis Turretin



Conclusion

"But if we appeal to the consciences of all who take pleasure in the intercession of saints, we shall find that their only reason for it is, that they are filled with anxiety, as if they supposed that Christ were insufficient." John Calvin, Institutes 3.20.21

Heidelberg Catechism Q1

Question: What is your only comfort in life and death?

Answer: That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins...

Solus Christus Chant (to the tune of 'That's Amore!')

When you see that Christ alone intercedes at the throne - that's a sola!
When you know that for sure he's the media-tor - that's a sola!
When his one sacrifice brings you sure paradise - that's a sola!
When you're truly assured in the one unique Lord - that's a sola!

Further Reading

'Nothing in my hands I bring' Ray Galea

Quotes

"We see that our whole salvation and all its parts are comprehended in Christ. We should therefore take care not to derive the least portion of it from anywhere else.

If we seek salvation, we are taught by the very name of Jesus that it is "of him." If we seek any other gifts of the Spirit, they will be found in his anointing. If we seek strength, it lies in his dominion; if purity, in his conception; if gentleness, it appears in his birth. For by his birth he was made like us in all respects that he might learn to feel our pain.

If we seek redemption, it lies in his passion; if acquittal, in his condemnation; if remission of the curse, in his cross; if satisfaction, in his sacrifice; if purification, in his blood; if reconciliation, in his descent into hell; if mortification of the flesh, in his tomb; if newness of life, in his resurrection; if immortality, in the same; if inheritance of the Heavenly Kingdom, in his entrance into heaven; if protection, if security, if abundant supply of all blessings, in his Kingdom; if untroubled expectation of judgment, in the power given him to judge. In short, since rich store of every kind of good abounds in him, let us drink our fill from this fountain, **and from no other.**" - *John Calvin, Institutes., 2.16.19*

