

“Christ Alone”

Intro: _____ Alone.

A. “As evangelical faith becomes secularized, its interests have been blurred with those of the culture. The result is a _____ of absolute values, permissive individualism, and a substitution of wholeness for holiness, recovery for repentance, intuition for truth, feeling for belief, chance for providence, and immediate gratification for enduring hope. and His _____ have been moved from the center of our vision.”

B. What we mean when we say _____ Alone is that the Christ of the Bible, and He alone has fully and completely _____ the necessary work of salvation. No merit on the part of man, nor on the part of saints, nor works accomplished by man here or elsewhere can add to His work. His work alone is the total and complete work by which we are justified before God! “We reaffirm that our salvation is accomplished by the mediatorial work of the historical Christ alone. His sinless life and substitutionary atonement alone are sufficient for our justification and reconciliation to the Father.”

Acts 4:8-12

I. _____ comes through Jesus Christ and Christ Alone.

A. This _____ be the message of the church: that there is salvation in no other name but the name of Jesus. We must _____ that the _____ of the Bible, and that He Alone is the One and Only sufficient Prophet, Priest, and King whereby men must be saved.

1. Anyone who teaches or preaches _____ than the total and complete sufficiency of the work of Christ upon the cross for salvation teaches and preaches a gospel that is _____ at all.

2. We must be like the Apostle Paul who wrote, “And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except _____ Christ, and Him _____” (1 Cor 2:1-2).

II. The _____ of Christ is _____ to Christianity.

A. 1 Corinthians 1:18, “For the word of the _____ is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the _____ of God.”

B. 1 Peter 2:24, “and He Himself _____ in His body _____, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.”

1. It is the work of Jesus Christ upon that cross that distinguishes from all other religions! It has been said that “Whoever believes in this article of faith is secure ... and God the Holy Ghost is necessarily with him” ... for we cannot _____ this unless it be by the Spirit of God!

C. The _____ of the work of Christ upon the cross is found throughout the Scriptures, in both the Old and New Testaments. The Old prophetically points to the cross. The New tells of the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies and thus, that Jesus is the Christ and that _____ is in _____.

1. Prophetic foreshadow: Psalm 22:1, "... My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?"
 - a. Prophecy realized: Matt 27:46, "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ... " My God, My God, why hast Thou _____ Me? "
2. Prophecy: Psalm 22: 7-8, "All who see me _____ at me; They separate with the lip, they wag the head, saying, 8 "Commit yourself to the LORD; let Him _____ him; Let Him rescue him, because He _____ in him."
 - a. Fulfilled: Matthew 27:41-43, "In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were _____ Him, and saying, 42 "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we shall believe in Him. 43 "He trusts in God; let Him _____ Him now, if He takes _____ in Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"
3. Prophetic utterance: Psalm 22:14-15, "I am poured out like water, And all my bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It is melted within me. 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And my _____ cleaves to my jaws; ... ,
 - a. Fulfilled: John 19:28, "After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I am _____."
4. Prophecy: Psalm 22:16-17, "For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They _____ my hands and my feet. 17 I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me; ..."
 - a. Fulfilled: And John 19:36-37, "For these things came to pass, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "Not a bone of Him shall be broken." 37 And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they _____."
5. Psalm 22:18, "They divide my garments among them, And for my clothing they cast lots."
 - a. fulfilled, Matt 27:35, "And when they had crucified Him, they _____ up His _____ among themselves, casting lots; ..."

D. There is salvation in no other name, but _____ in the name of
for He alone _____ the cross on our behalf. Christ Alone!

III. _____ did Christ suffer the cross?

A. Matthew 1:21 states it plain, ""And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will _____ His _____ from their sins." This is the purpose of the cross: to bring salvation to His people.

B. 1 Peter 3:18, "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might _____, ..."

1. We could not come to God on our own for our righteousness is as _____ rags (Is. 64:6), but, "when we were _____ in our transgressions and the uncircumcision of our flesh, _____ made us alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, 14 having _____ out the certificate of consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross" (Cf. Col 2:13-14).

This _____ be the message of the church, for there is salvation in no one else;
for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men,
by which we _____ be saved." _____!