### ALONE! Christ Alone! John 15:4-5

#### **ONE THING**

Everything about your <u>LIFE</u> and <u>FUTURE</u> rises and falls on your <u>UNDERSTANDING</u> and <u>EMBRACING</u> of JESUS!

John 15:4–5 (ESV) — Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

The KEY phrase Jesus says for us today...

"...apart from me you can do nothing..."

# 1. Christ alone is our <u>ACCEPTANCE</u> into God's <u>KINGDOM!</u>

Acts 4:12 (ESV) — And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

John 14:6 (ESV) — Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

There is NO PLAN B!

There is NO ALTERNATE ROUTE!

There is ONLY JESUS!

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## 2. Christ alone offers us <u>ADOPTION</u> into God's FAMILY!

John 1:12–13 (ESV) — But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Did you hear this?...

"... all who did receive him, who believed in his name..."

The word translated, "receive" here means...

To receive or accept an object or benefit for which the initiative rests with the giver, but the focus of attention in the transfer is upon the receiver

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Romans 8:15 (ESV) — For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

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Hebrews 4:14–16 (ESV) — Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 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. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

1 Timothy 2:5 (ESV) — For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus

Philippians 2:12–13 (ESV) — Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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### 4. Christ alone is our <u>AUTHORITY</u> in God's SERVICE!

Luke 10:19–20 (ESV) — Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Matthew 28:18–20 (ESV) — And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Romans 14:17–18 (ESV) — For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.

There is a <u>UNIQUENESS</u> in Jesus we cannot <u>DUPLICATE</u>, but there is an <u>EXAMPLE</u> in Jesus we are to <u>EMULATE</u>.

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

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