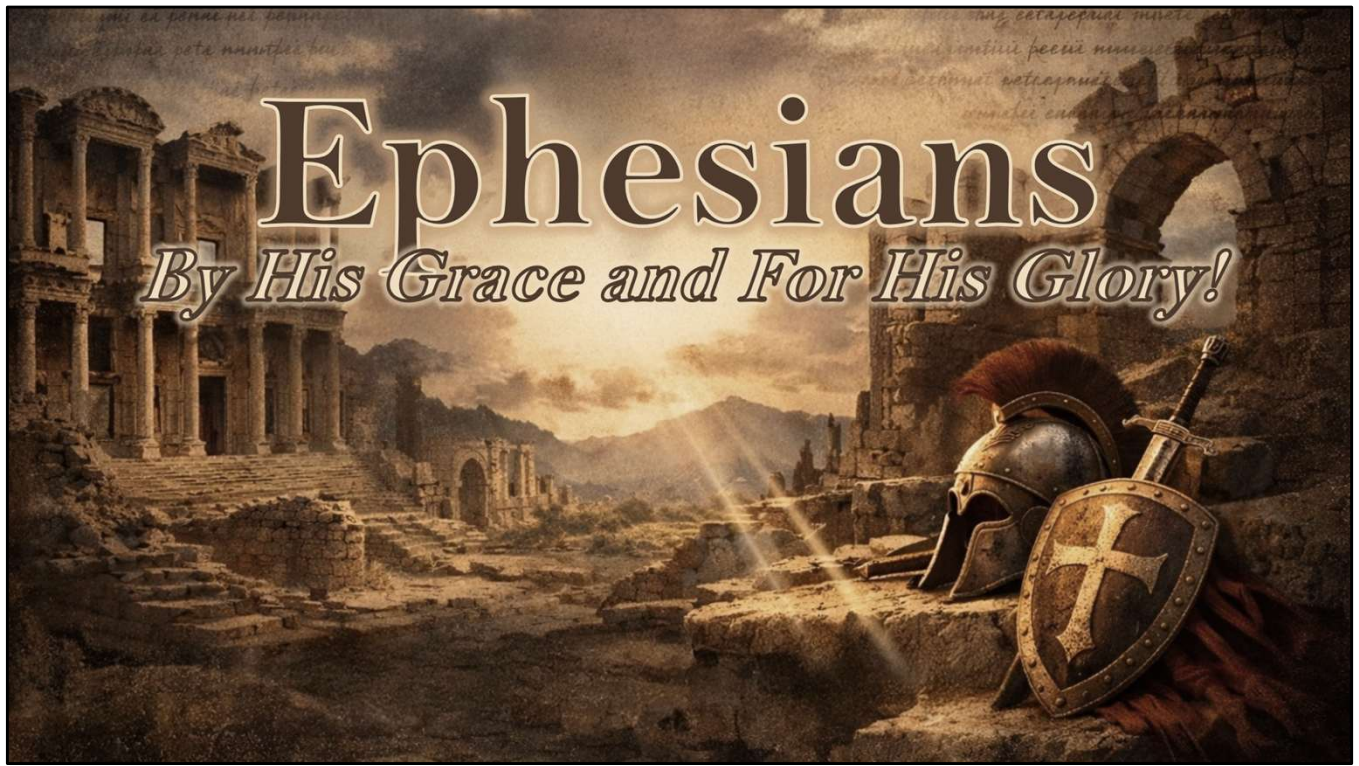




Ephesians

By His Grace and For His Glory!



By His Grace, for His Glory Ephesians 1:11-12

Eph.1:11-12 By His Grace, for His Glory

[Eph 1:11-12 ESV] – 11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

I cannot endure
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Charles Spurgeon



Last weeks Message: In Christ!

I cannot endure the sight of God Until I see Him in Christ!
And God cannot bear the sight of Me till He sees me IN Christ

Exodus 19:12

Exodus 20:18-21: Fear and Trembling

Hope!

- Ephesians 1:12 – “we who were the first to hope in Christ”
- Ephesians 2:12 – remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
- I Corinthians 15:19 – If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

[Lam 3:21-24 ESV] – 21 But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: 22 The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 24 “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

[Rom 4:18 ESV] – 18 In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.”

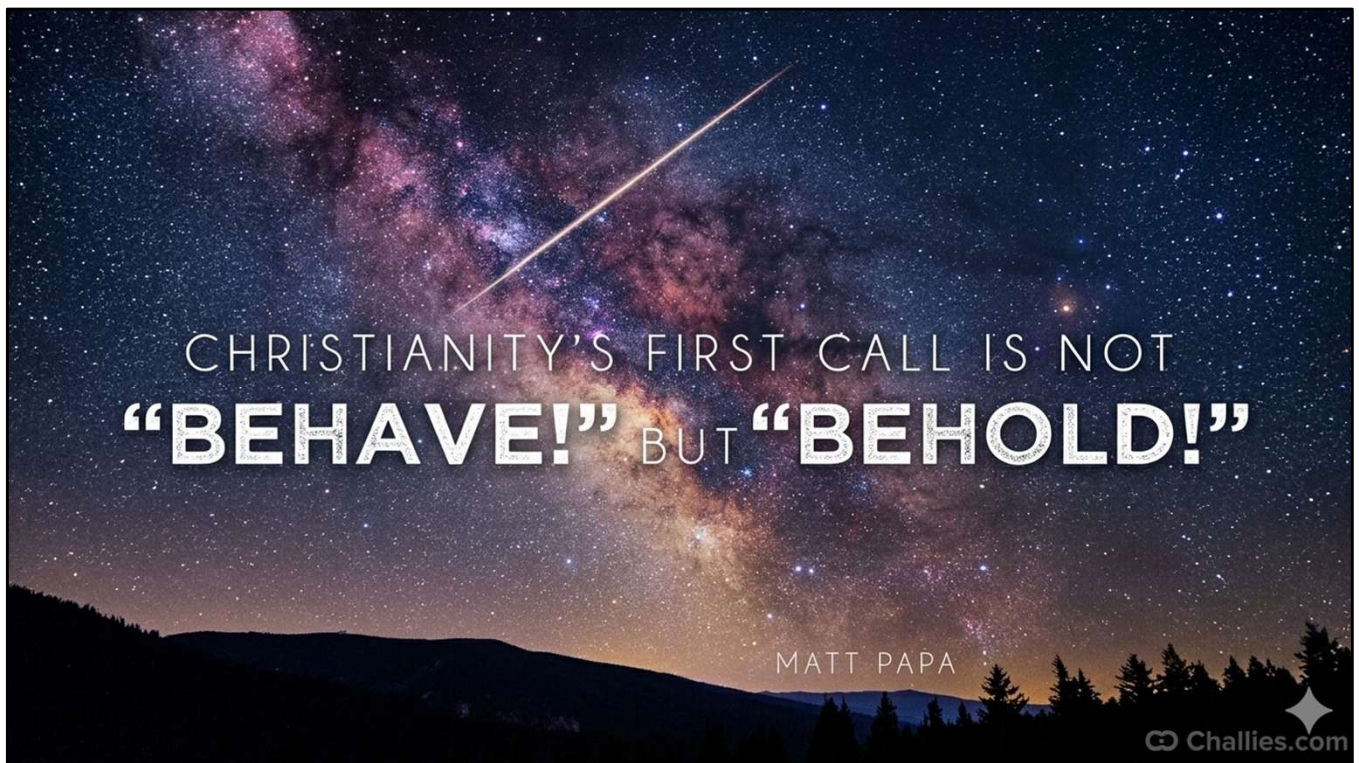
[Rom 5:2 ESV] – 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Rom 8:20, 24 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ... **24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?**

[Rom 12:12 ESV] – 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

[Rom 15:13 ESV] – 13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

[1Co 13:13 ESV] – 13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.



Matt Papa quote

Beholding should be first and forever!

Indicatives then Imperatives!

Christianity's 1st call is NOT Behave! But Behold!

author and pastor Jared Wilson says, "The essence of the Christian message is not 'Behave!' but 'Behold!'"⁶

Christianity's misbegotten step-cousin, Christian Moralistic Therapeutic Deism."³

To the praise of his glorious grace!! By His Grace!

- Ephesians 1:11 – In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,
- Ephesians 1:6 – “to the praise of his glorious grace”
- Ephesians 1:12 – so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be “to the praise of his glory.” For His Glory!
- Ephesians 1:14 – “to the praise of his glory.”

Verse 12 will be our focus this week since we already covered it a couple of times!

What does it mean – For His Glory?

By His Grace! For His Glory! 3x in 8 vs

[Eph 1:12, 14, 17 ESV] – 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ... 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. ... 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, **the Father of glory**, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,

[Eph 3:13, 16, 21 ESV] – 13 So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. ... 16 that **according to the riches of his glory** he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ... 21 **to him be glory in the church** and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



To God be the Glory!

1 To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
so loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,

5 Solas of the Reformation!

- Sola Scriptura – 2 Timothy 3:16-17 – Over Traditions & Experiences
- Sola Christus – John 14:6 – No other gods & Not my works!
- Sola Gratia – Ephesians 2:8-9 – He saw nothing good in me! Gift!

- A spiritual progression, different presentations may order this list differently but they all end similarly with Glory to God Alone! Not because its last in importance but because it is Alone the goal of them all!

Grace alone – Our Only Method. Our justification and Salvation are both solely by the Sovereign Grace of God and NOT dependent on any action or condition man provides

Faith alone – Our only Means. Our Justification before God is Not by Works!! Not by Our works! Monergism, not synergism!

Christ alone – Our only Mediator. Because Jesus Christ is the sole mediator between God and Man, Salvation is possible Only by HIS death and Resurrection. Pray to Jesus alone! Not Mary and Saints. RCC cant save!

Scripture Alone – Our Only Foundation. The Bible is the only Infallible and Sufficient rule for governing issues of life and godliness

Glory of God alone – Our only Ambition. The Purpose of our creation is to bring glory to God. All glory and Honour is due to God alone.

Saved BY Grace alone, Through Faith Alone, IN Christ Alone according to Scripture alone for the Glory of God alone!

Scripture – Ex.39-40, Lk.11:28

Christ – 1Tim.2:5

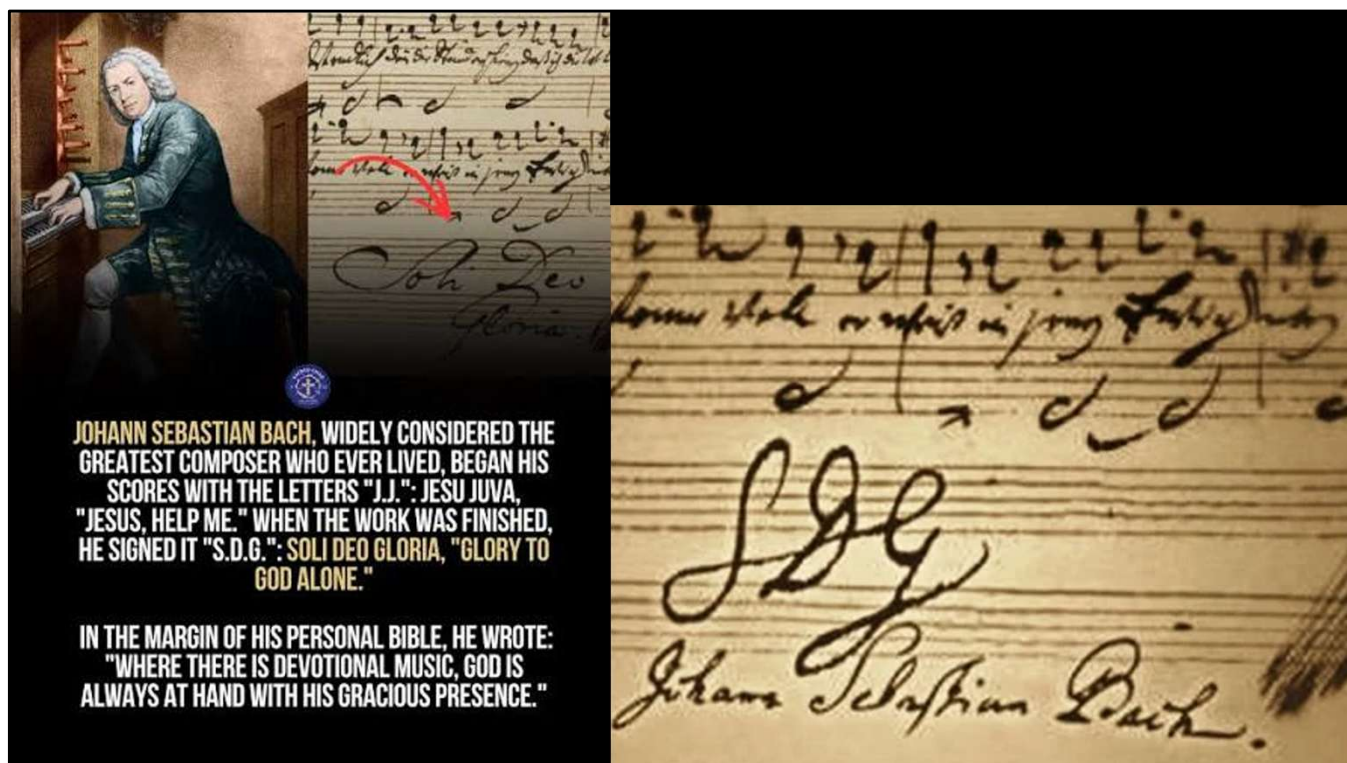
Grace – Rom.11:6

Faith – Hab.2:4, Rom.1:17, Gal.3:11, Heb.10:38

Glory – Isa.42:8, 48:11

5 Solas of the Reformation!

- Sola Fide – Romans 5:1-2 – I am saved by works, Just His!!
- Soli Deo Gloria – Revelation 4:11 – I exist for God, not Him for me
- Saved BY Grace alone, through Faith alone, IN Christ alone, according to Scripture alone for the Glory of God alone!



Ill be Bach!

Johann Sebastian Bach, the famous and solidly Lutheran composer, knew grief intimately. He lost his first wife, Maria Barbara, unexpectedly while he was away.

He remarried, but out of 20 children, at least 10 never reached adulthood. Eleven times, he buried a child he had loved and nurtured.

How did he endure so much loss and still create cantatas, cello suites, masses, and concertos that would define classical music?

Bach found strength in his faith. At the beginning of many compositions, he wrote "J.J." (Jesu Juva, "Lord help me"), and at the end, he often signed "S.D.G." (Soli Deo Gloria, "Glory to God alone"). To him, music wasn't just sound—it was prayer. It was how he processed sorrow, how he found hope, and how he spoke to God.

3 “E”s of FBC

- Exaltation – Praise! Glory to God Alone – SDG!
 - Worship! Loving God with All... the 1st Greatest Commandment
 - “Man’s chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.”
 - Studying, Beholding, Singing, Praising, Serving, Giving...
- Edification – Loving “1 Another”, Building up!
- Evangelism – Loving the Lost, Showing them His Glory!

Exaltation we will enjoy endlessly forever!

Studying, Beholding, Singing, Praising, Serving, Giving, **Thanking in ever thing**

Westminster Shorter Catechism: Contains 107 questions and answers. Westminster Larger Catechism: Contains 196 questions and answers.

explaining the opening lines of the Westminster Shorter Catechism. The opening question, in the language of the 17th century, asks, “What is the chief end of man?” The catechist is then to respond, “Man’s chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.”

Our Grand Obligation

Glorify God by Enjoying Him Forever

God is most glorified in us when we are the most satisfied in him.

[Rom 11:33, 36 ESV] – 33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ... 36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

[Rom 12:1-2 ESV] – 1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

[1Co 10:31 ESV] – 31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

59 specific "one another" commands in the New Testament

CORPORATE WORSHIP

EXALTATION

EDIFICATION

EVANGELISM

UNTO HIS GLORY
FOR OUR MUTUAL GOOD
BEFORE THE WORLD'S GAZE

Exaltation
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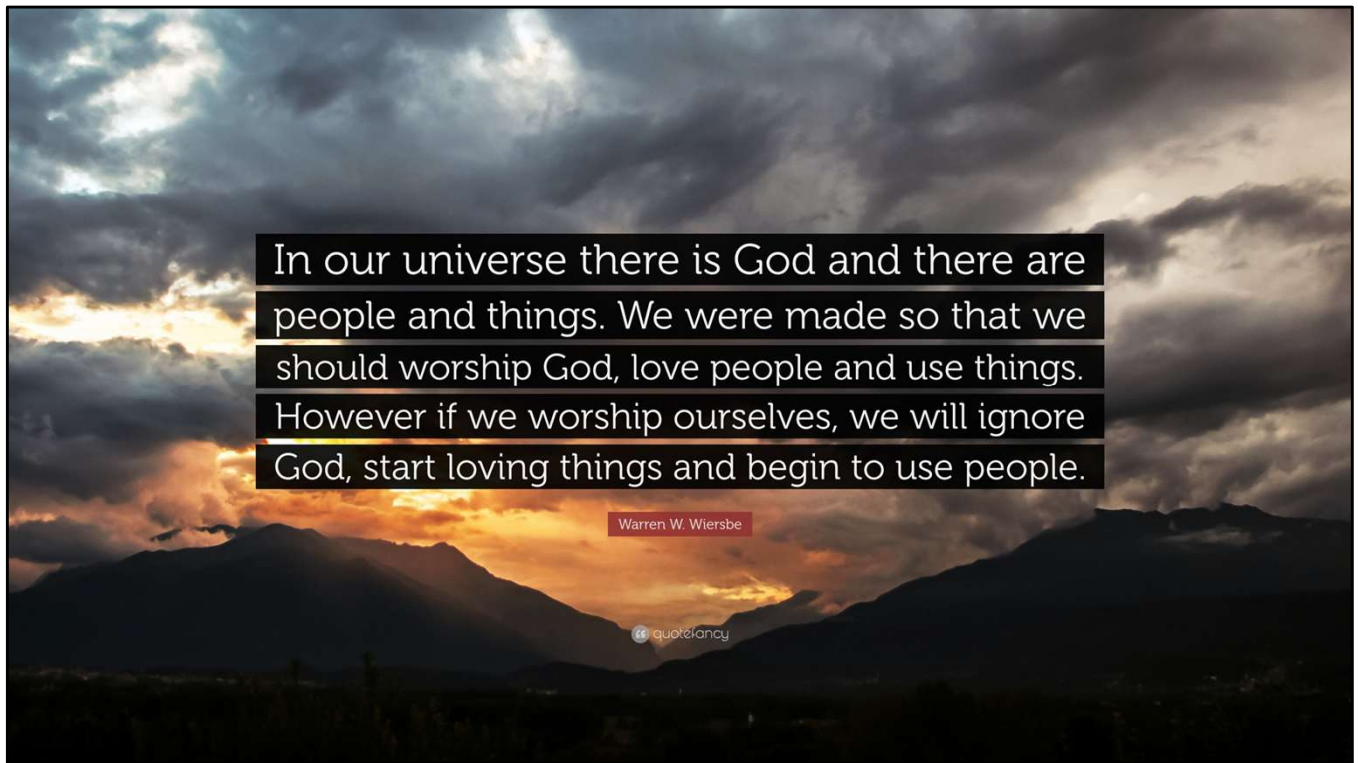
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John Piper

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In our universe there is God and there are people and things. We were made so that we should Worship God, love people and use things. However if we worship ourselves (as so many do), we will ignore God, start loving things and begin to use people!

Warren Wiersbe

The Glory of God

- Moses begged! (Exodus 33:18) "Please show me your glory."
- David said it was the 1 thing he desired! (Psalm 27:4)
- Isaiah was humbled and compelled by it! (Isaiah 6:1)
- The Disciples wanted to live beholding it! (Matthew 17:1)
- John foretells it is the ultimate heaven! (Revelation 4:11, 21-23)
- We cannot presently fully enjoy his glory! (2 Corinthians 3:18)

[Psa 27:4 One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

[Exo 33:12-23 ESV] – 12 Moses said to the LORD, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' 13 Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." 14 And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." 15 And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. 16 For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?" 17 And the LORD said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." 18 Moses said, "Please show me your glory." 19 And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." 21 And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, 22 and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. 23 Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

[Isa 6:1-8 ESV] – 1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" 4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house

was filled with smoke. 5 And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." 8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

[Mat 17:1-13 ESV] – 1 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. 3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." 5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." 8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. 9 And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead." 10 And the disciples asked him, "Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?" 11 He answered, "Elijah does come, and he will restore all things. 12 But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands." 13 Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

[Jhn 1:14 ESV] – 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

[1Jo 1:1-4 ESV] – 1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- 2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us-- 3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

[2Pe 1:16-21 ESV] – 16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," 18 we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. 19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp

shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, 20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

[Rev 1:6 ESV] – 6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

[Rev 4:9, 11 ESV] – 9 And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ... 11 "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

[Rev 5:12-13 ESV] – 12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" 13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

[Rev 7:12 ESV] – 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

[Rev 11:13] And at that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and **the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.**

[Rev 14:7 ESV] – 7 And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

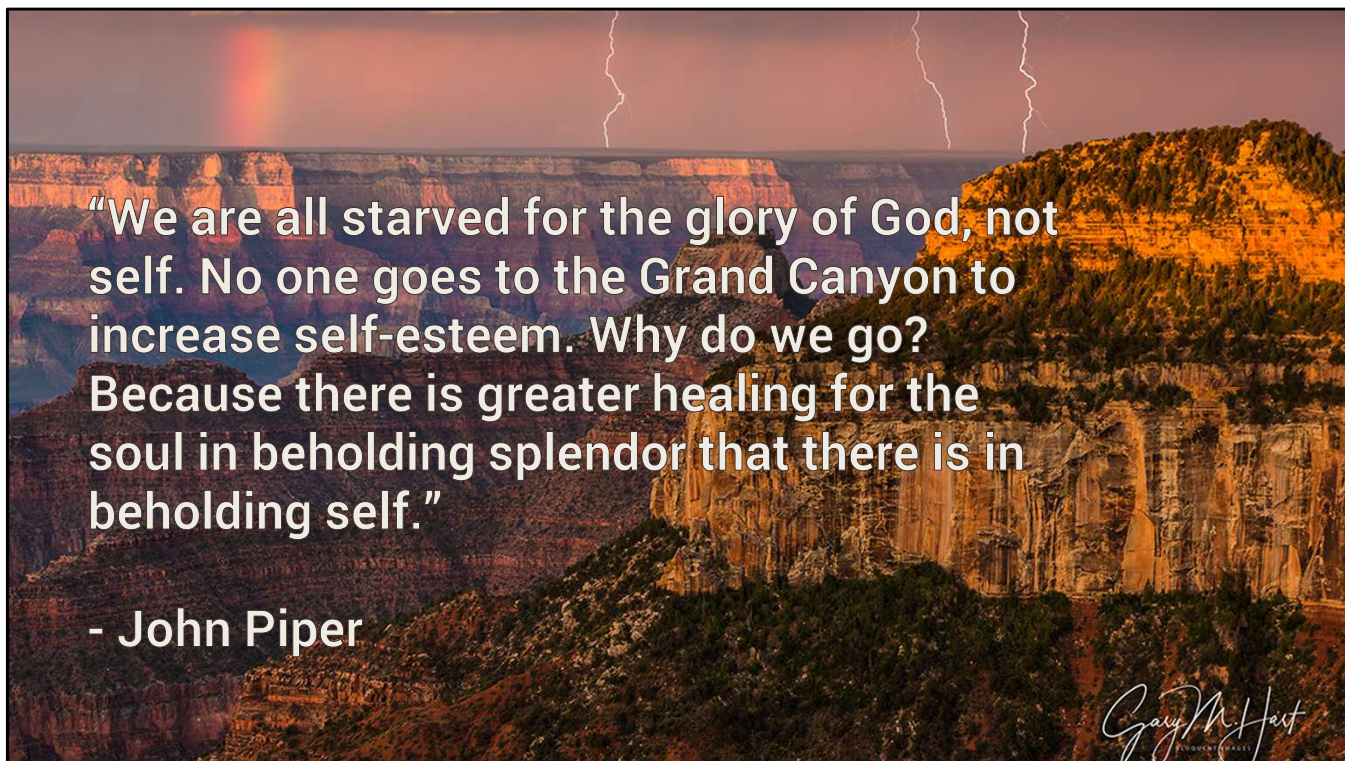
[Rev 19:1, 7 ESV] – 1 After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, ... 7 Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;

[Rev 21:11, 23-24, 26 ESV] – 11 having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ... 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ... 26 They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

[2Co 3:7-18 ESV] – 7 Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, 8 will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? 9 For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. 10 Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. 11 For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory. 12 Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, 13 not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. 14 But their minds were hardened. For to this day,

when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. 15 Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. 16 But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

[Psa 73:25-26 ESV] – 25 Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. 26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.



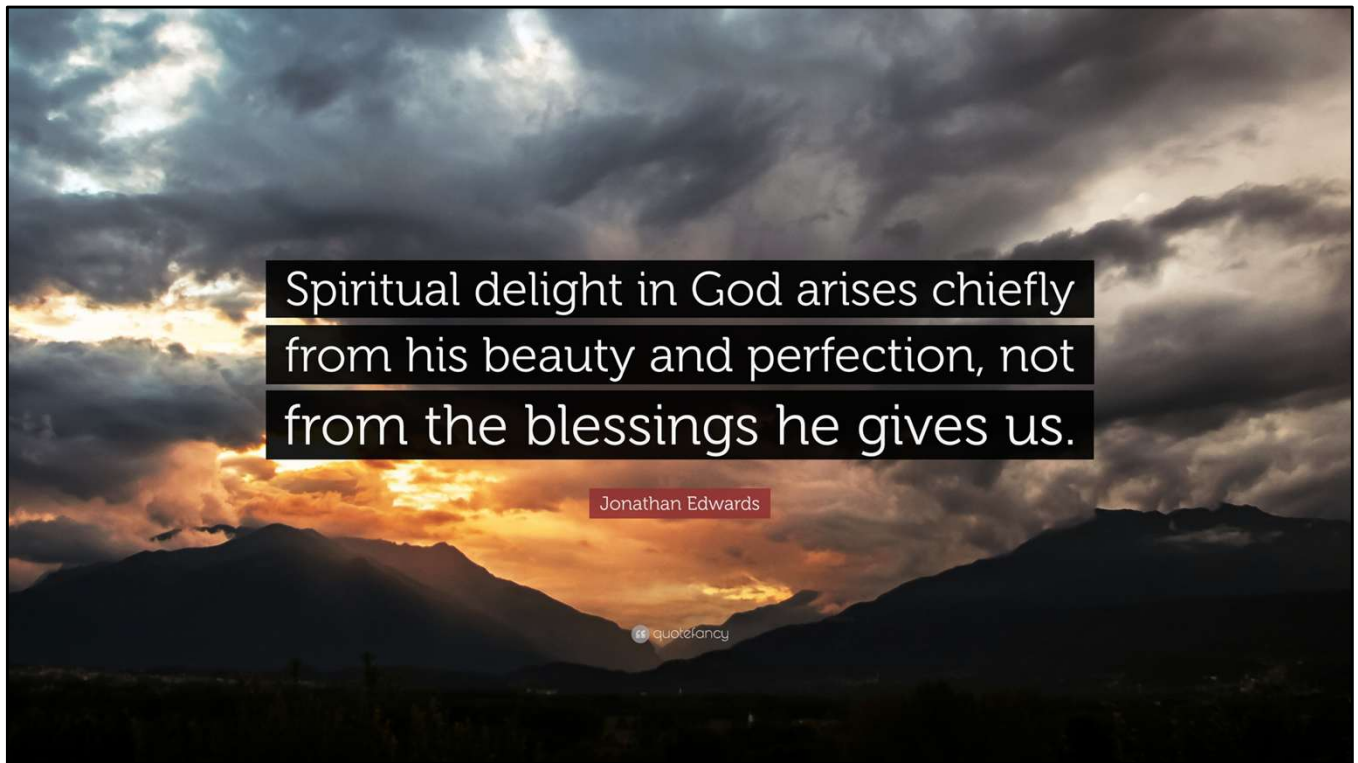
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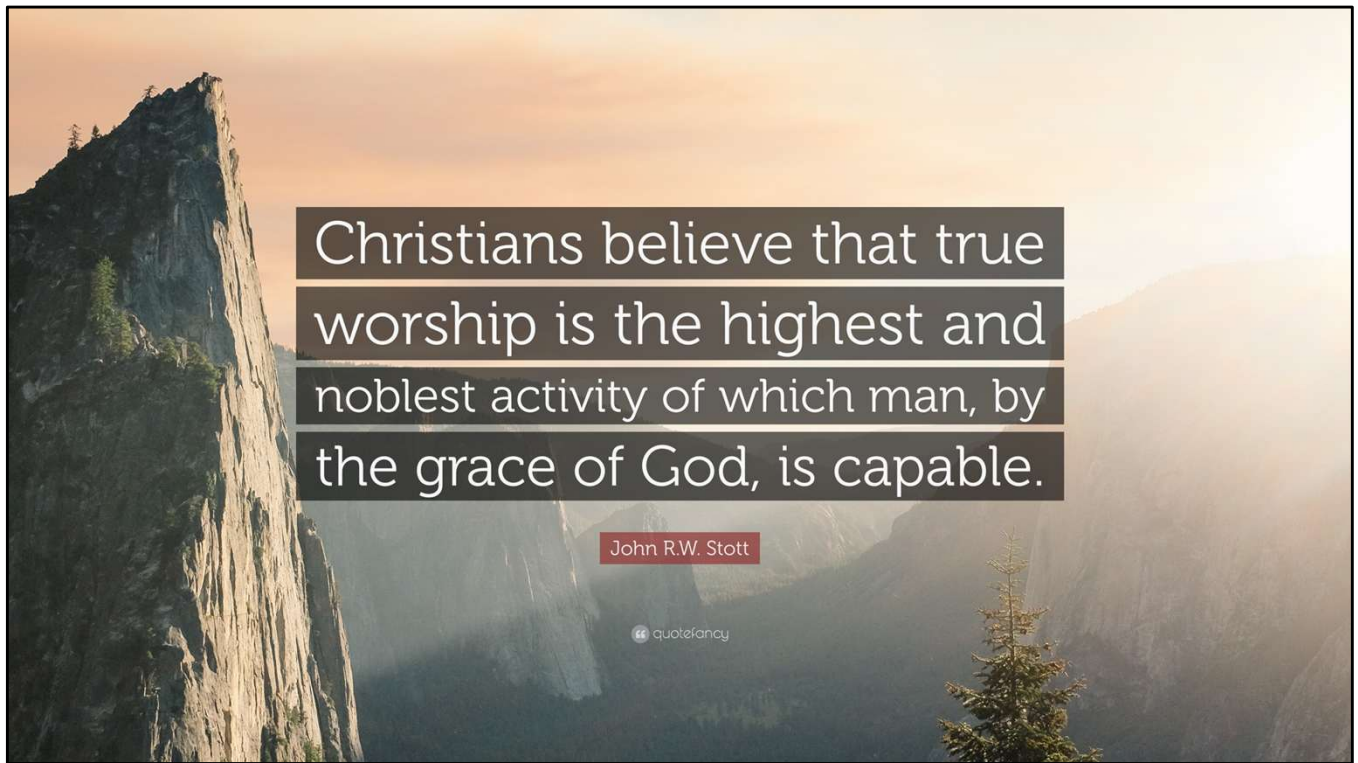
In other words. If you only love God for what He does for you, you merely love yourself and feel endorsed that God agrees that you deserve it! Hence, how do you respond when He doesn't bless you?!

"God is not moved or impressed with our worship until our hearts are moved and impressed by Him."

- Kelly Sparks -



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Christians believe that worship is the highest and noblest activity of which man, by the grace of God, is capable.
John Stott

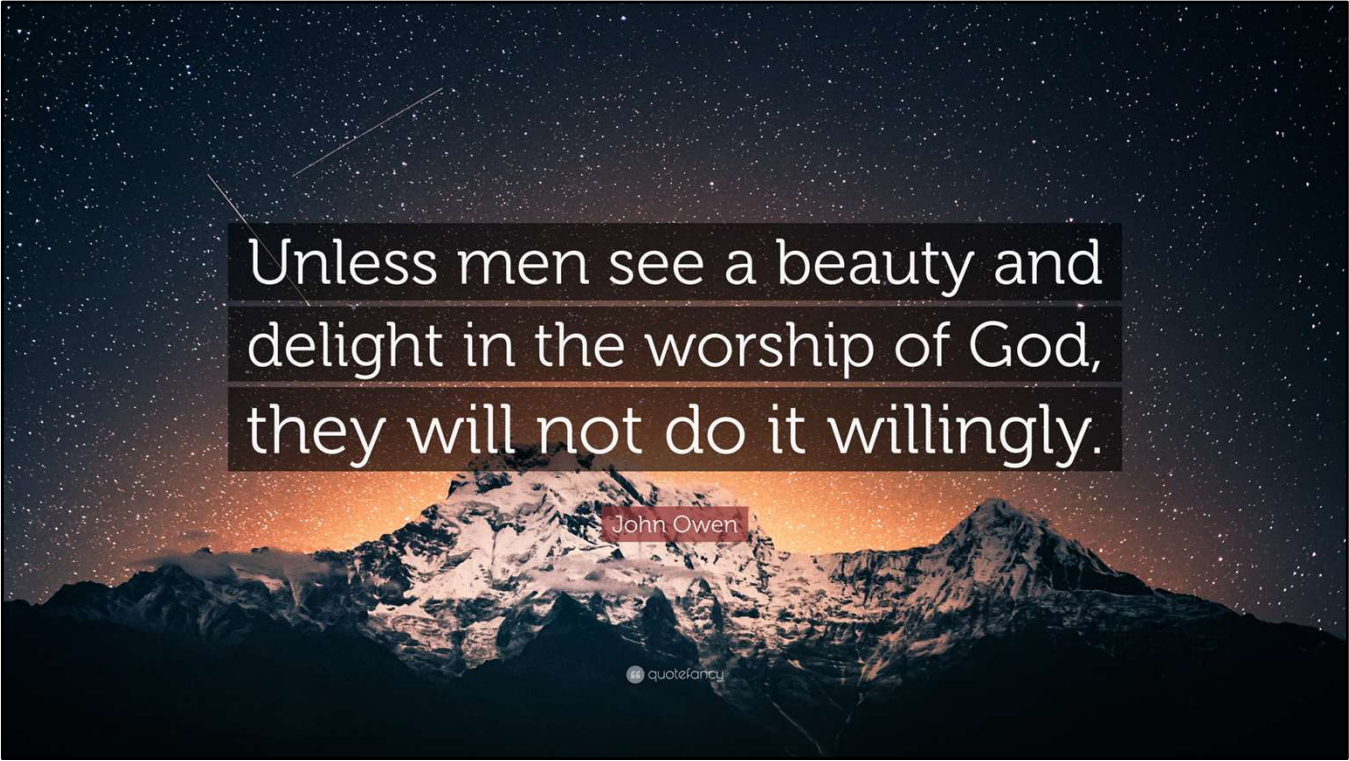


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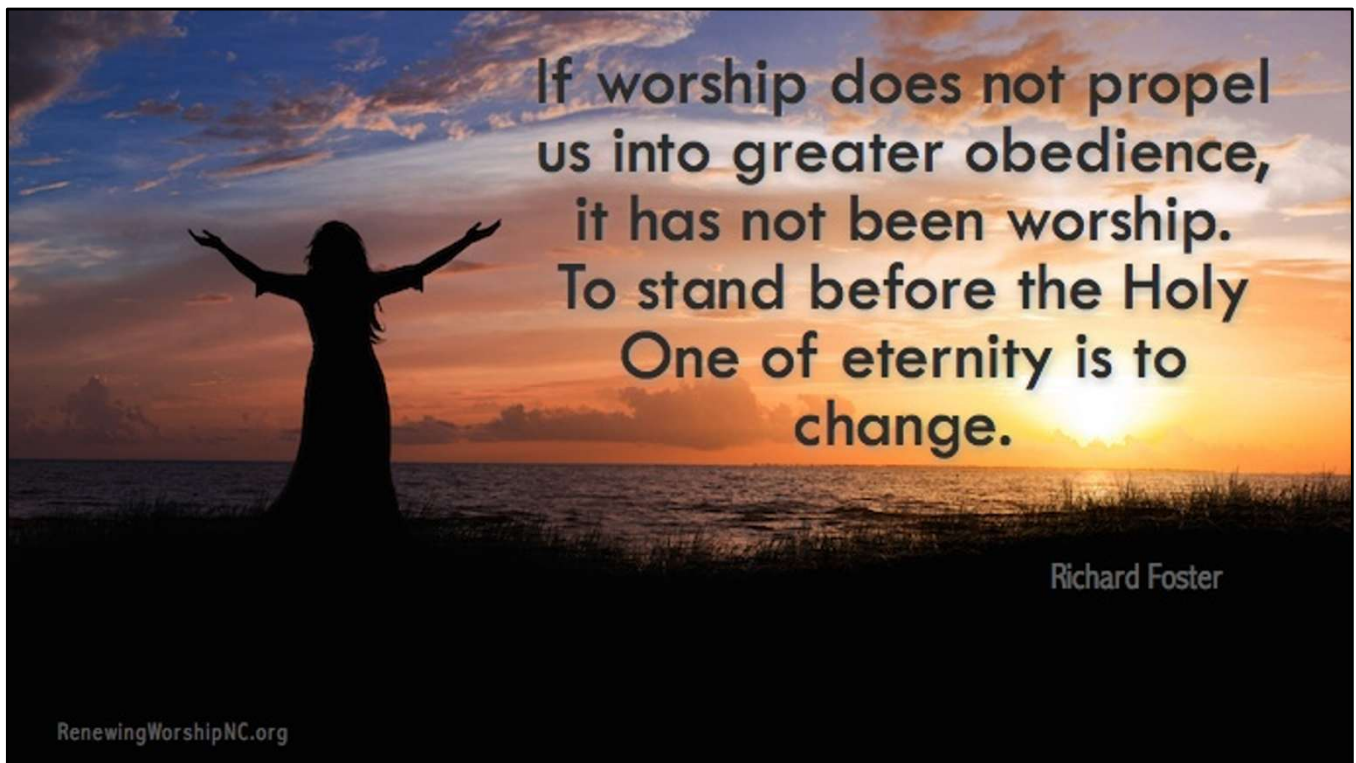
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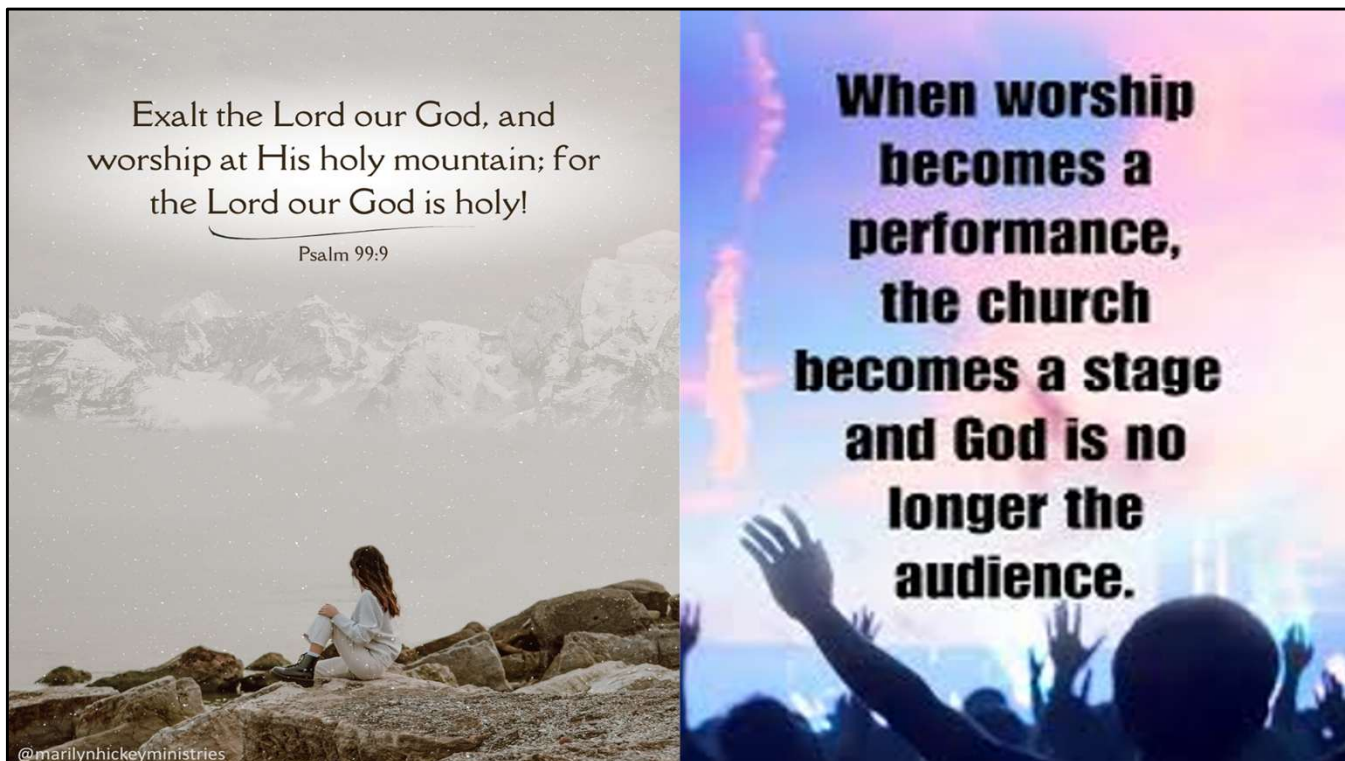


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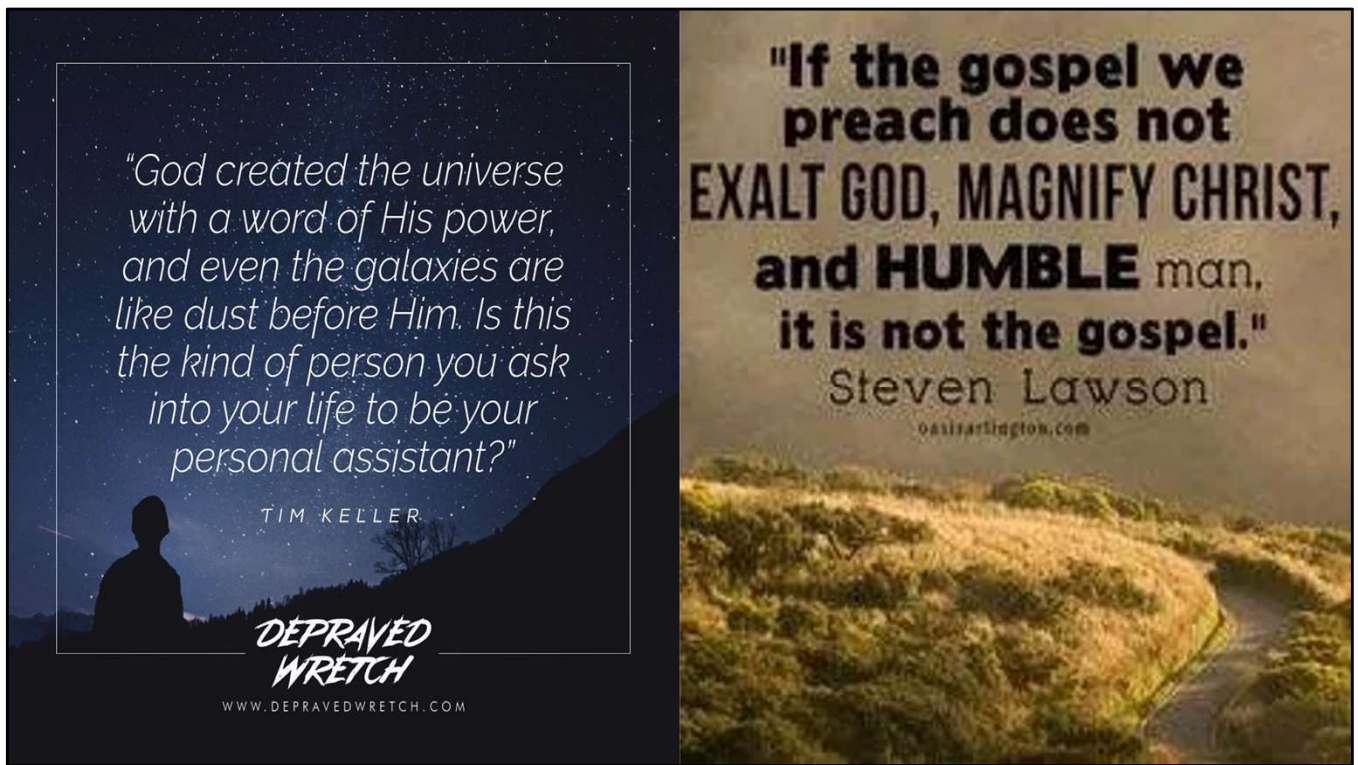
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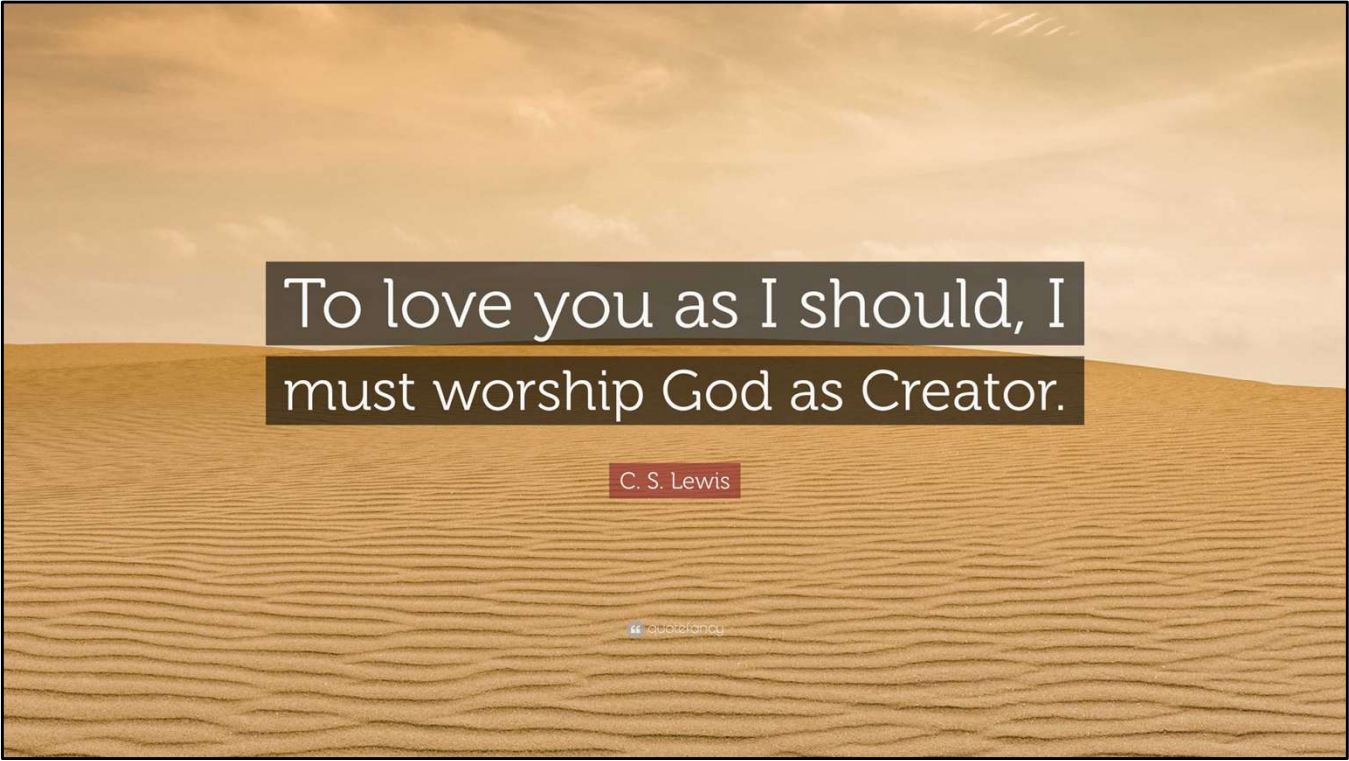
[Psa 99:9 ESV] – 9 Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

When worship becomes a performance, the church becomes a stage and God is no longer the audience!



God created the universe with a word of His power, and even the galaxies are like dust before Him. Is this the kind of person you ask into your life to be your personal concierge/assistant? Tim Keller

If the gospel we preach does not Exalt God, Magnify Christ, and humble man. It is not the gospel! Steven Lawson



To love you as I should, I
must worship God as Creator.

C. S. Lewis

TO love you (others) as I should, I must worship God as creator.
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In other words, Loving mere mortals requires longsuffering and endurance, that can only be found in Gods grace and mercy which He has given me!



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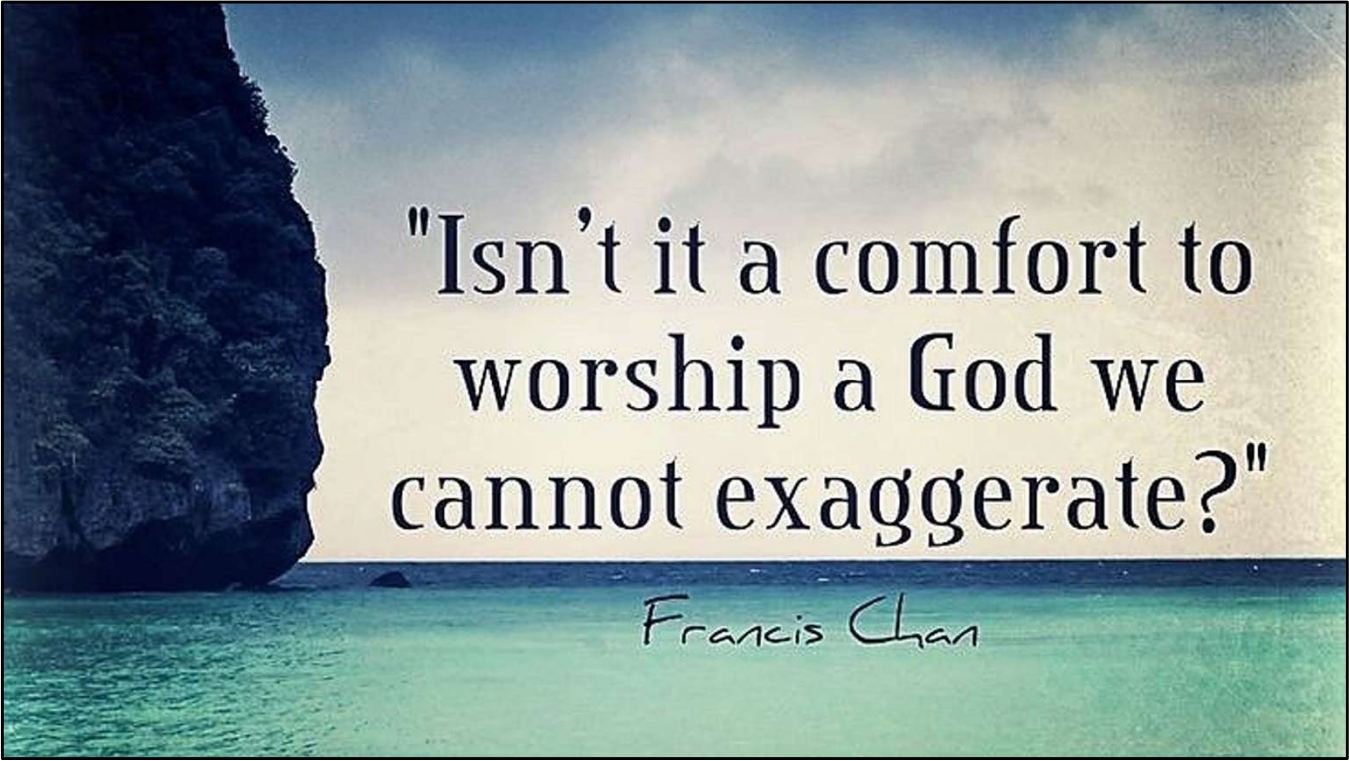
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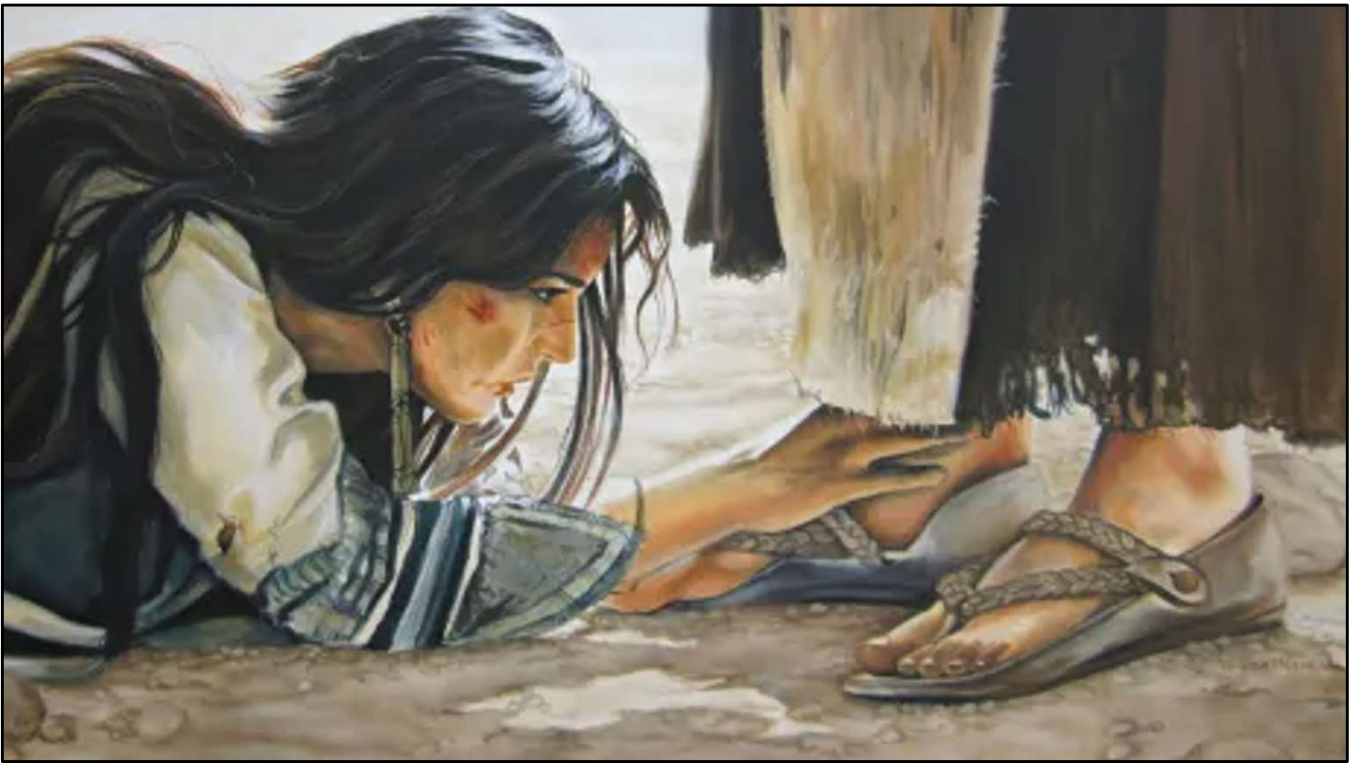
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Washed Jesus feet with her hair, tears Luke 7:36–50 John 12:1–8, Matthew 26:6–13, Mark 14:3–9



Jn.8 Adulterous woman

WHICH MAN WENT HOME JUSTIFIED?

ONE TRUSTED HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS. THE OTHER CRIED FOR MERCY.

For every one that exalteth himself shall be abased;
and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.
— Luke 18:14 —

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I GIVE TITHES
I KEEP THE LAW
I AM MORAL
PEOPLE RESPECT ME

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**“Lord, I believe,”
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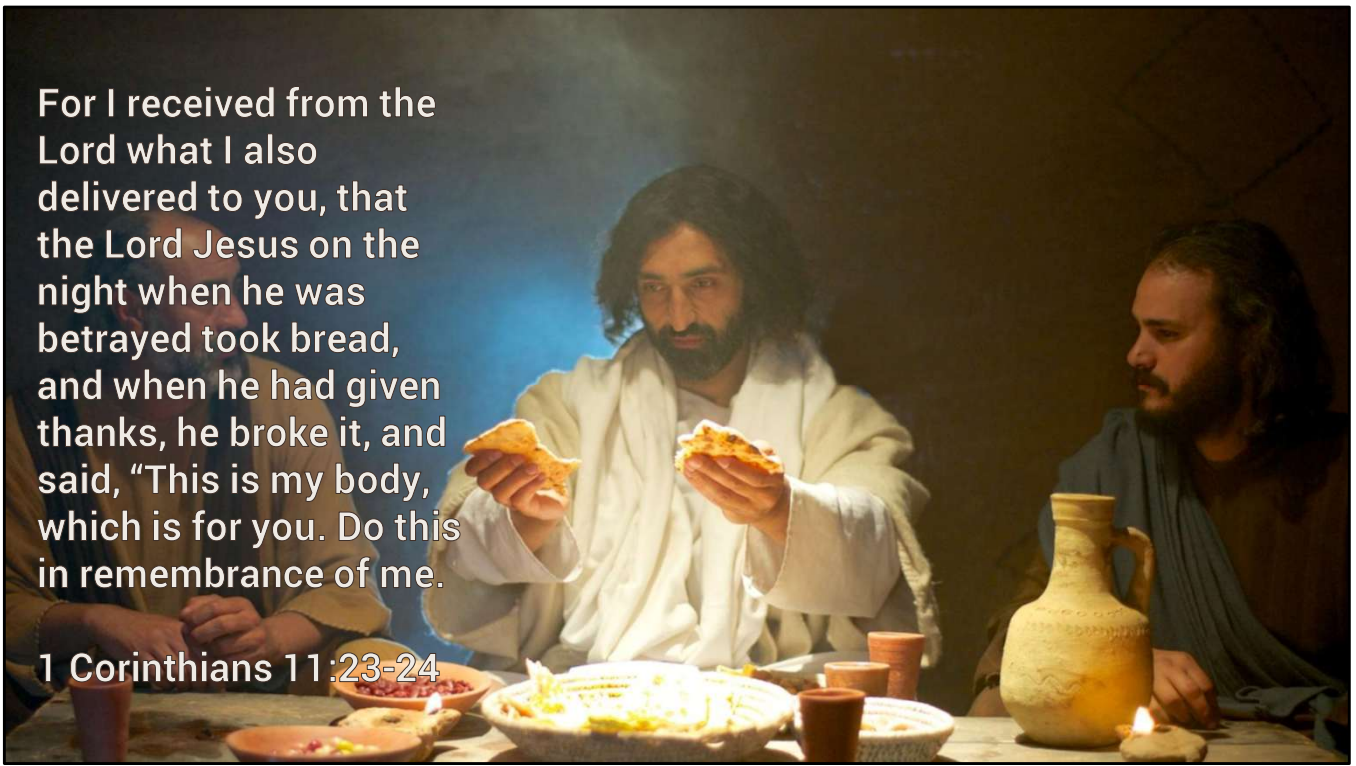
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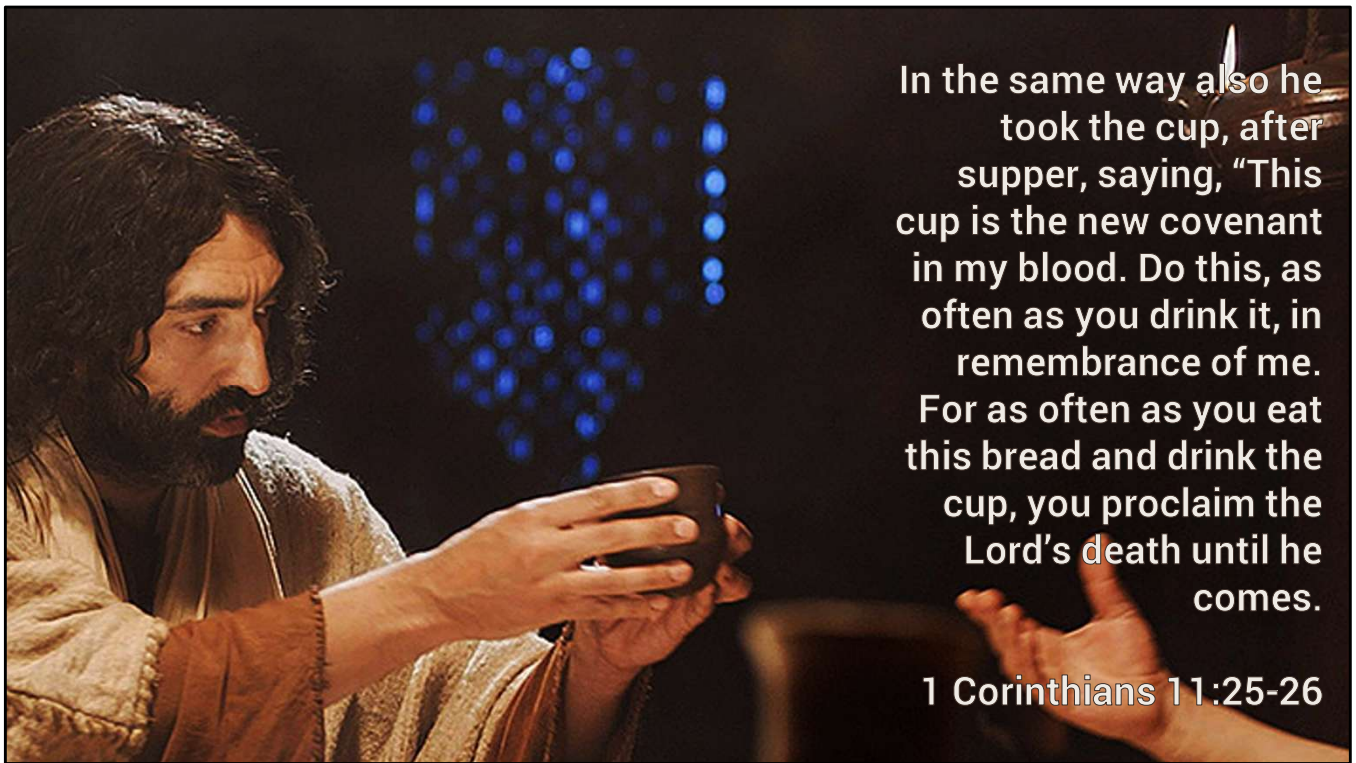
[Psa 115:1 ESV] – 1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

1 Corinthians 11:23-24



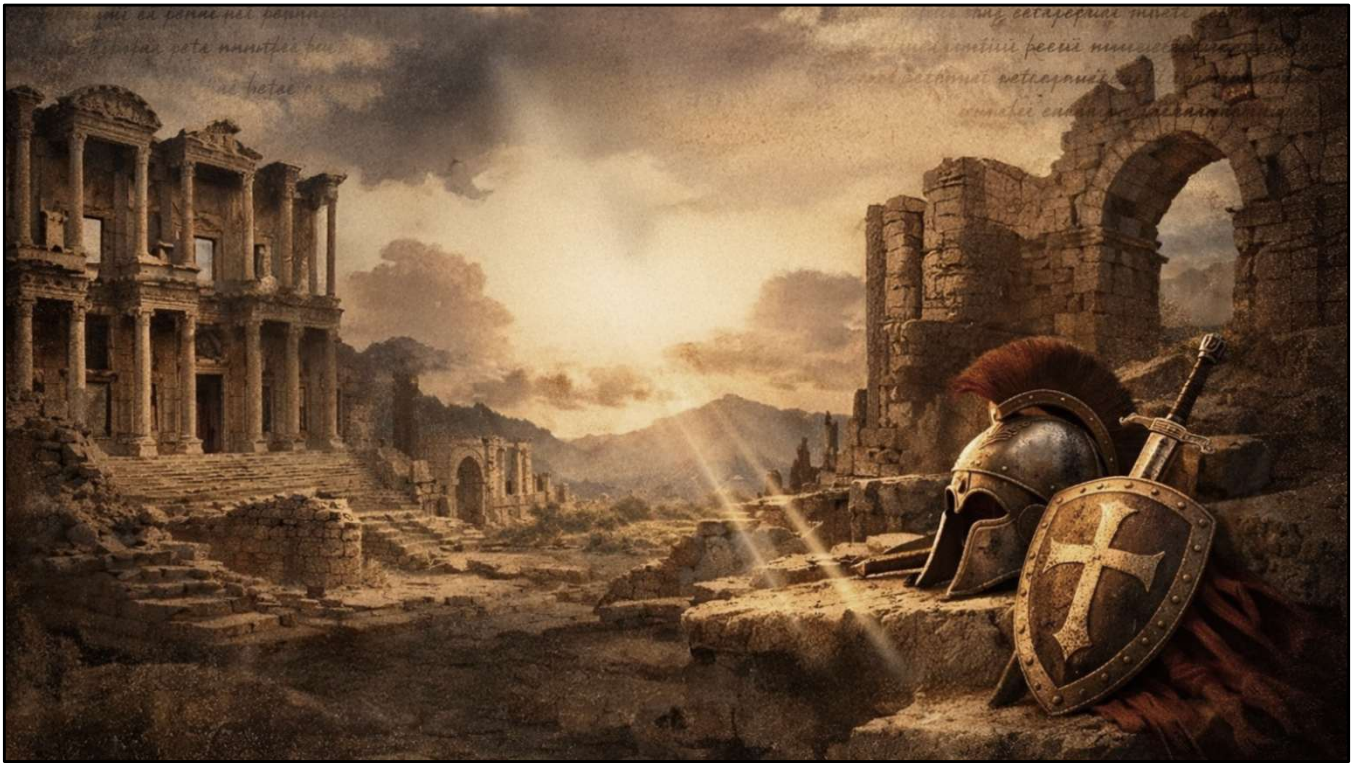
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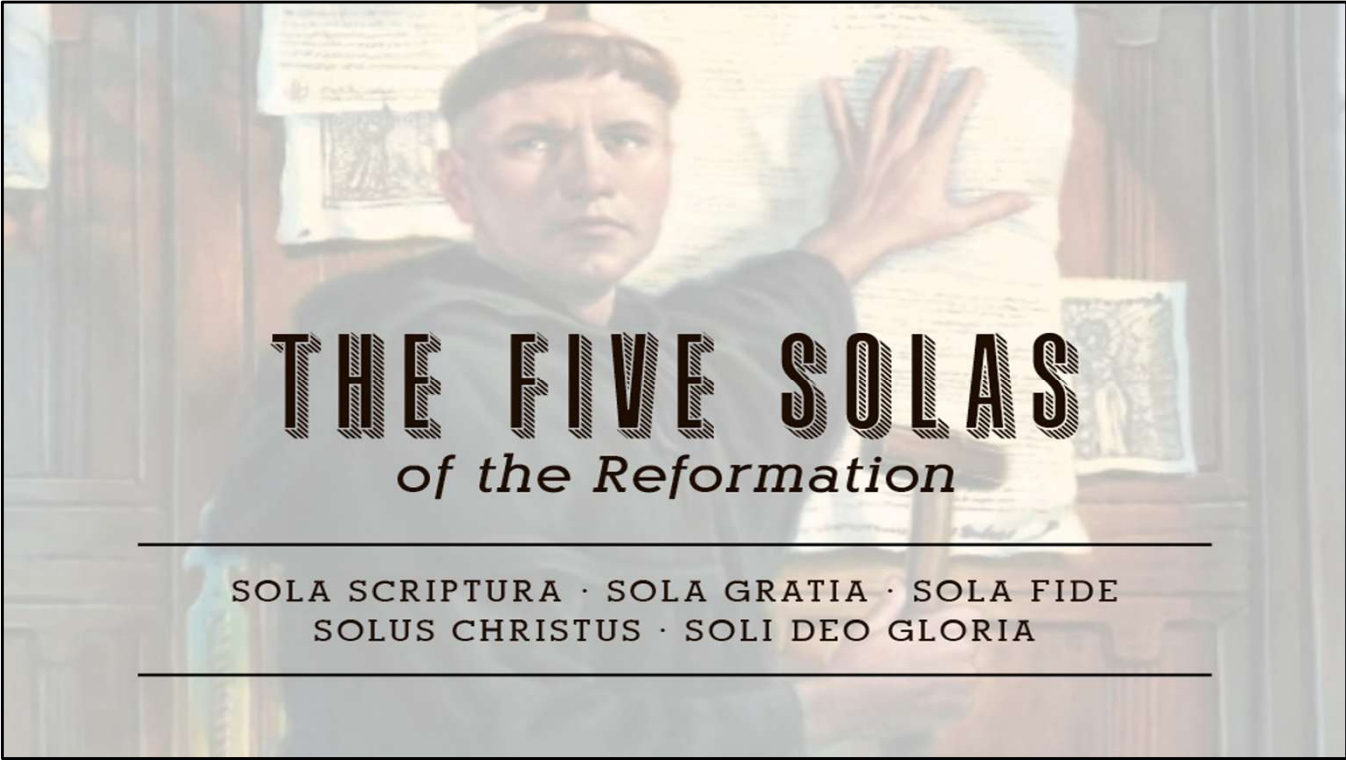
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YOU STAND BEFORE GOD
AS IF YOU WERE **CHRIST** BECAUSE
CHRIST STOOD BEFORE GOD
AS IF HE WERE **YOU**.

CHARLES SPURGEON



THE FIVE SOLAS

of the Reformation

SOLA SCRIPTURA · SOLA GRATIA · SOLA FIDE
SOLUS CHRISTUS · SOLI DEO GLORIA



Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment.

THE GREATEST Commandment

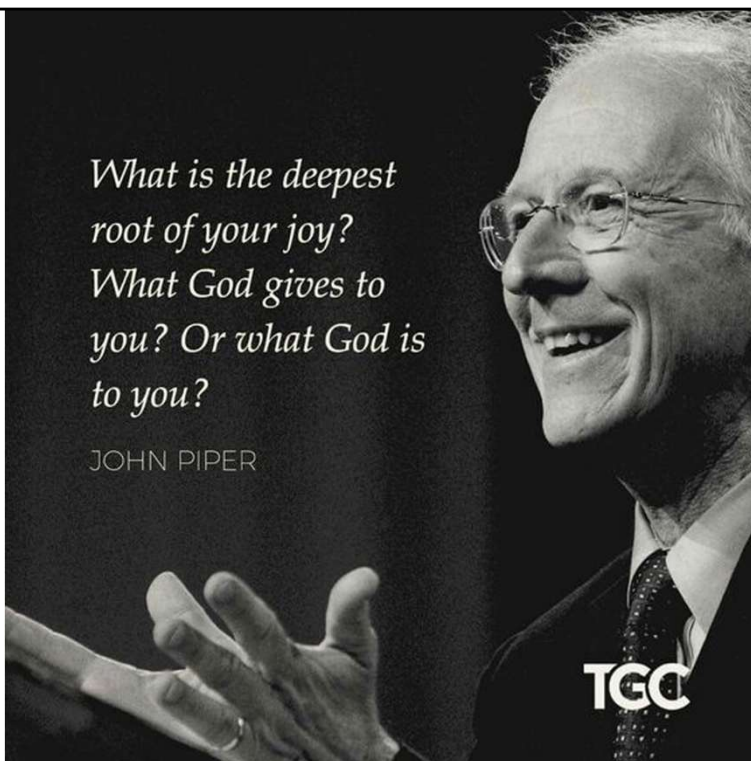
And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

Matthew 22:36-40



*What is the deepest
root of your joy?
What God gives to
you? Or what God is
to you?*

JOHN PIPER



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**IF WORSHIP DOES NOT SPRING
FROM GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S GRACE,
IF IT IS NOT THE HEARTFELT RESPONSE
TO WHO GOD IS AND WHAT HE HAS DONE,
THEN IT IS HOLLOW.**

LIGON DUNCAN







The ultimate goal of theology isn't knowledge, but worship. If our learning and knowledge of God do not lead to the joyful praise of God, we have failed. We learn only that we might laud, which is to say that theology without doxology is idolatry. The only theology worth studying is a theology that can be sung!

— *Sam Storms* —

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**FOR YEARS, THE CHURCH HAS EMPHASIZED
EVANGELISM, TEACHING, FELLOWSHIP,
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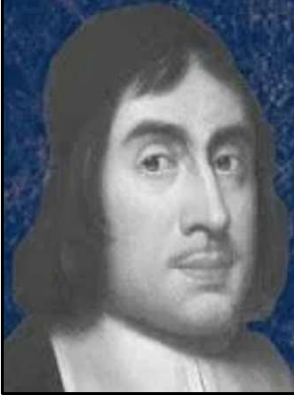
- ROBERT E. WEBBER -

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Reformed Spirit

**LET US THEN ASCRIBE THE WHOLE
WORK OF GRACE TO THE PLEASURE
OF GOD'S WILL. GOD DID NOT
CHOOSE US BECAUSE WE WERE
WORTHY, BUT BY CHOOSING US
HE MAKES US WORTHY.**



Thomas Watson
A Puritan Golden Treasury

FIVE SOLAS OF PROTESTANTISM



WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE ALONE, THROUGH FAITH
ALONE, IN CHRIST ALONE, AS REVEALED IN THE
SCRIPTURE ALONE, TO THE GLORY OF GOD ALONE.



Scripture Alone

— *sola scriptura* —

THE ONLY FOUNDATION

The Bible is the only infallible
and sufficient rule for governing
issues of life and doctrine.

Christ Alone

— *solus Christus* —

THE ONLY MEDIATOR

Because Jesus Christ is
the sole mediator between
God and man, salvation is
possible only by his death
and resurrection.

Grace Alone

— *sola gratia* —

THE ONLY METHOD

Our justification and salvation
are both solely by the
sovereign grace of God and
not dependent on any action
or condition man provides.

Faith Alone

— *sola fide* —

THE ONLY MEANS

Our justification before
God is by faith in Christ
alone, and not by works.

Glory to God Alone

— *solī Deo gloria* —

THE ONLY AMBITION

All glory and honor is
due to God alone.



THE 5 PILLARS of REFORMED THEOLOGY



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THE 5 POINTS of REFORMED THEOLOGY



Total Depravity*

Man, because of his sinful nature, is born into this world morally corrupt and enslaved to sin, and is both unwilling and unable to turn to Christ in repentance and faith.

Unconditional Election

God's sovereign choice of his people from before the foundation of the world is not dependent upon man's decision or will, but only upon God's free grace.

Limited Atonement

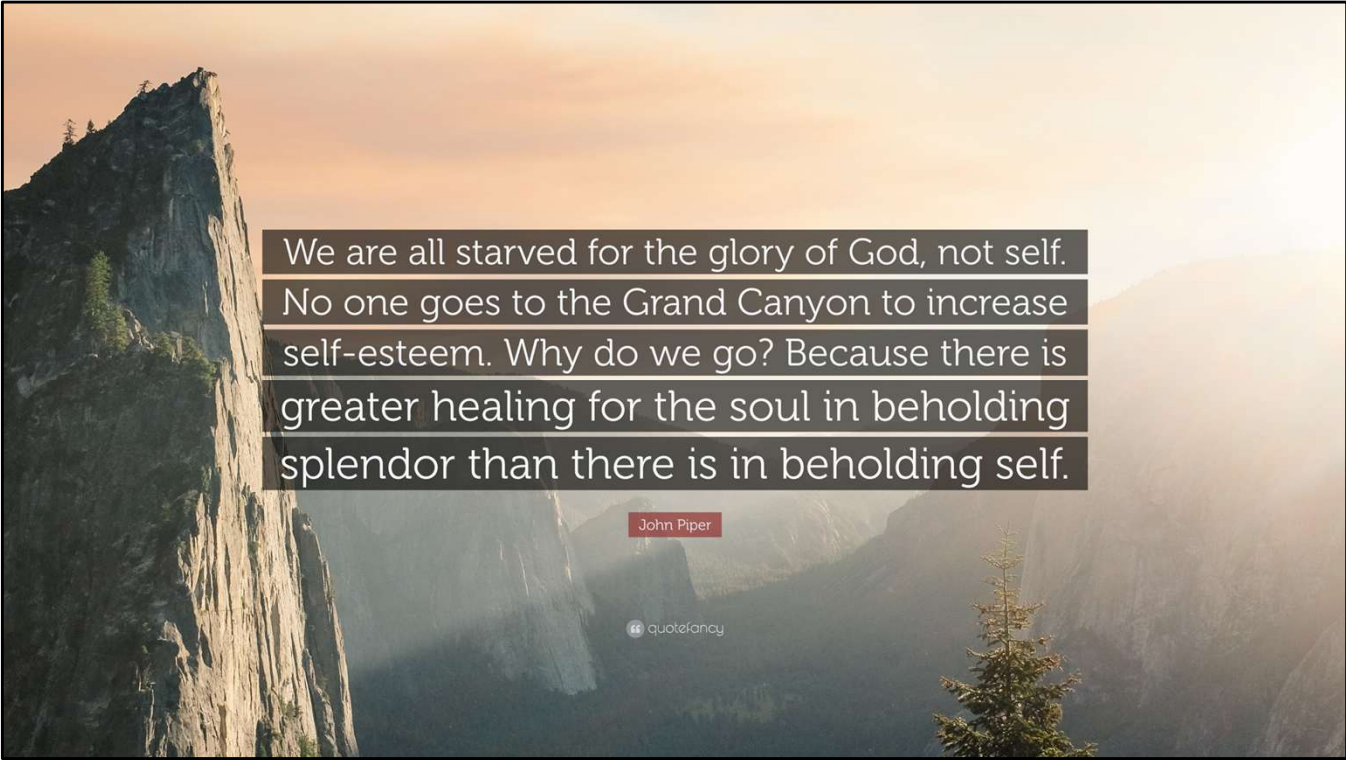
God's design and intent in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ was to pay for the sins and secure the redemption of only those whom God had predetermined to save.

Irresistible Grace

God, by the Holy Spirit, effectually calls and saves sinners by grace so they are irresistibly brought to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Perseverance of the Saints

Those who are truly saved will persevere to the end and can never lose their salvation.



We are all starved for the glory of God, not self.
No one goes to the Grand Canyon to increase
self-esteem. Why do we go? Because there is
greater healing for the soul in beholding
splendor than there is in beholding self.

John Piper

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The Five Solas of the Reformation

† SOLA SCRIPTURA †

Scripture alone When the Reformers used the words sola Scriptura they were expressing their concern for the Bible's authority, and what they meant is that the Bible alone is our ultimate authority—not the pope, not the church, not the traditions of the church or church councils, still less personal intuitions or subjective feelings, but Scripture only. Other sources of authority may have an important role to play. Some are even established by God—such as the authority of church elders, the authority of the state, or the authority of parents over children. But Scripture alone is truly ultimate. Therefore, if any of these other authorities depart from Bible teaching, they are to be judged by the Bible and rejected.

† SOLUS CHRISTUS †

Christ alone The church of the Middle Ages spoke about Christ. A church that failed to do that could hardly claim to be Christian. But the medieval church had added many human achievements to Christ's work, so that it was no longer possible to say that salvation was entirely by Christ and his atonement. This was the most basic of all heresies, as the Reformers rightly perceived. It was the work of God plus our own righteousness. The Reformation motto solus Christus was formed to repudiate this error. It affirmed that salvation has been accomplished once for all by the mediatorial work of the historical Jesus Christ alone. His sinless life and substitutionary atonement alone are sufficient for our justification, and any 'gospel' that fails to acknowledge that or denies it is a false gospel that will save no one.

† SOLA GRATIA †

Grace alone The words sola gratia mean that human beings have no claim upon God. That is, God owes us nothing except just punishment for our many and very wicked sins. Therefore, if he does save sinners, which he does in the case of some but not all, it is only because it pleases him to do it. Indeed, apart from this grace and the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit that flows from it, no one would be saved, since in our lost condition, human beings are not capable of wanting, seeking out, or even cooperating with God's grace. By insisting on 'grace alone' the Reformers were denying that human methods, techniques, or strategies in themselves could ever bring anyone to faith. It is grace alone expressed through the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit that brings us to Christ, releasing us from our bondage to sin and raising us from death to spiritual life.

† SOLA FIDE †

Faith alone The Reformers never tired of saying that 'justification is by grace alone through faith alone because of Christ alone.' When put into theological shorthand the doctrine was expressed as 'justification by faith alone,' the article by which the church stands or falls, according to Martin Luther. The Reformers called justification by faith Christianity's 'rational principle,' because it involves the very matter or substance of what a person must understand and believe to be saved. Justification is a declaration of God based on the work of Christ. It flows from God's grace and it comes to the individual not by anything he or she might do but by 'faith alone' (sola fide). We may state the full doctrine as: Justification is the act of

THE “FIVE SOLAS”

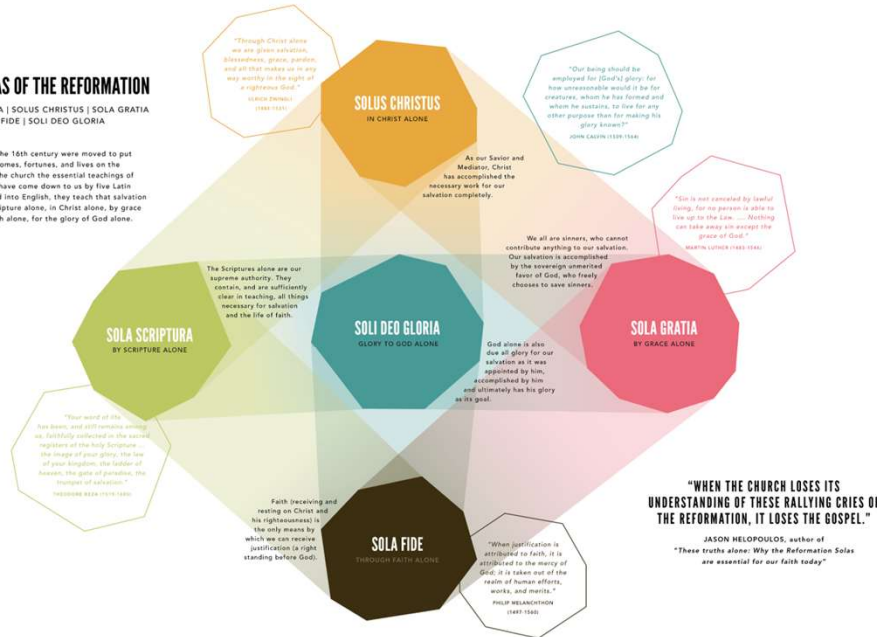
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Scripture alone (<i>sola Scriptura</i>)	Scripture and tradition
Faith alone (<i>sola fide</i>)	Faith and works
Grace alone (<i>sola gratia</i>)	Grace and merit
Christ alone (<i>solus Christus</i>)	Christ, Mary, & intercession of saints
Glory to God alone (<i>solī Deo gloria</i>)	God, saints, and church hierarchy

~ adapted from *Living for God's Glory: An Introduction to Calvinism* by Joel R. Beeke (RHB, 2008), pg. 5

THE 5 SOLAS OF THE REFORMATION

SOLA SCRIPTURA | SOLUS CHRISTUS | SOLA GRATIA
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The Reformers of the 16th century were moved to put their livelihoods, homes, fortunes, and lives on the line to restore to the church the essential teachings of the gospel. These have come down to us by five Latin phrases. Translated into English, they teach that salvation is according to Scripture alone, in Christ alone, by grace alone, through faith alone, for the glory of God alone.



"WHEN THE CHURCH LOSES ITS UNDERSTANDING OF THESE RALLYING CRIES OF THE REFORMATION, IT LOSES THE GOSPEL."

JASON HEPPOULOS, author of
"These truths alone: Why the Reformation Solas are essential for our faith today"



NCC Mission: *Wholehearted love for God and man through exaltation, evangelism, and edification (Matt. 28:17-20).* Our Tech Ministry Team directly plays a role in all three aspects of our mission:

EXALTATION

You are helping our congregation worship the living God (Psalm 100).

EVANGELISM

You are helping to declare the Gospel to the lost among us and beyond us (Psalm 67).

EDIFICATION

You are helping our church grow as we feast on God's Word (Col. 3:15-17).



THE FIVE SOLAS



OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION