



To The Glory Of God Alone

ROMANS 1:18-32

"THE 5 SOLAS"

Salvation By Grace Alone
Through Faith Alone
In Christ Alone
According To Scripture Alone
To The Glory Of God Alone

COLOSSIANS 1:15-16

15 He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE
WAS CREATED BY GOD AND
EXISTS FOR HIS GLORY



ISAIAH 42:8

I am the Lord; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.

ISAIAH 43:6-7

I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

GENESIS 3

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

GENESIS 3

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

THE FIRST SIN WAS SELF-IDOLATRY (PRIDE)

- Questioning God's Word
- Desire to "be like God"
- Desire to "know" like God
- Desire to disobey God in favor of self



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16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

THE GOSPEL EXISTS
TO REVEAL GOD'S
RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR
HIS GLORY.

Our salvation benefits us eternally,
but we must never assume that the
Gospel is primarily about us.



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18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.

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20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world,⁷ in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

THE PRIMARY ISSUE IS NOT
UNBELIEF, BUT IDOLATRY.

The person who rejects God knows that God is but in sin rejects Him and worships creation (self, earth, other beings, etc.) rather than the Creator.

Note: Unrighteousness seeks to rob God of glory by the suppression of the truth!



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22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.



IDOLATRY

"Some idolatry is crass, such as the worship of trees or nature. Other forms of idolatry are more refined, such as the exaltation of human reason above divine revelation. But any time we substitute something else for the God of the Bible, we attempt to have Him share His glory with another. Any time we deny one of His attributes, we conceive of Him as less than the sovereign Lord of all."

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26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; 27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

GENDER PERVERSION AND SEXUAL IMMORALITY

God made mankind male and female, uniquely reflecting the image of God. Perversion of sexuality and gender roles is a symptom of a people in rebellion against God and is itself a punishment for idolatry.



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28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. 29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice.

They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

IDOLATRY LEADS TO ALL FORMS OF EVIL

unrighteousness, evil, covetousness,
malice, envy murder, strife, deceit,
maliciousness, gossip, slander, hate,
insolent, haughty, boastful,
inventors of evil, disobedient to
parents, foolish, faithless, heartless,
ruthless.



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32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

Lie

Claim Wisdom, Being Fools

Created Images

Worship Creation (Idolatry)

Lust-Impurity-Dishonor

Sexual Perversions (Homosexuality)

Debased mind-Every Form of Evil

Death

RIGHTEOUSNESS

Truth of God

Godly Knowledge

Glory of of the Immortal God

Worship Creator

Righteousness of God

Righteousness of God

Righteousness of God

Life

WORSHIP

“True worship is to be so personally and hopelessly in love with God, that the idea of a transfer of affection never even remotely exists.”

A. W. Tozer

MARK 12

28 And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" 29 Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."