

SOLA

“Christ”

October 16, 2016

THE MAGNIFICENCE OF CHRIST

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- Christ is the _____ of the invisible God.
- Christ is the _____, ruler, and sustainer of creation.
- Christ is the _____ of the Church.
- Christ is the _____ of resurrection.
- Christ is the _____ of all of God’s fullness.
- Christ is the _____ of all things.

“SOLUS CHRISTUS”: CHRIST ALONE

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation. Colossians 1:21-22

- Reconciliation is necessary because we are _____ from God.
- Reconciliation is possible through the means of Christ’s physical _____.
- Reconciliation results in a standing of _____ in God’s sight.

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:2

- Christ PARDONS us through Himself.

...Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. Ephesians 5:25-27

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- Christ **PURIFIES** us by Himself.

Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. Acts 20:28

- Christ **PURCHASES** us for Himself.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. 1 Peter 2:24-25

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