

SOLA - WHAT MATTERS MOST:

Christ Alone—Solus Christus

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It is tempting to exalt ourselves over Christ. John the Baptist, however, knew that things work the way they should only when we decrease and Christ increases. In what ways are you trying to add your boasting to Christ's work? How does that lessen your hope?

“And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

— Mark 15:34

“John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.” — Mark 1:4-5

My Next Step(s):

- I will find my hope and place the confidence of my salvation in Christ alone!
- I will point to Jesus by my attitude of humility.
- I will point to Jesus by my loving service of others.
- I will point to Jesus by speaking of what He has done for me, and His love for us.

Memory Verse: “He must become greater; I must become less.” — John 3:30, NIV

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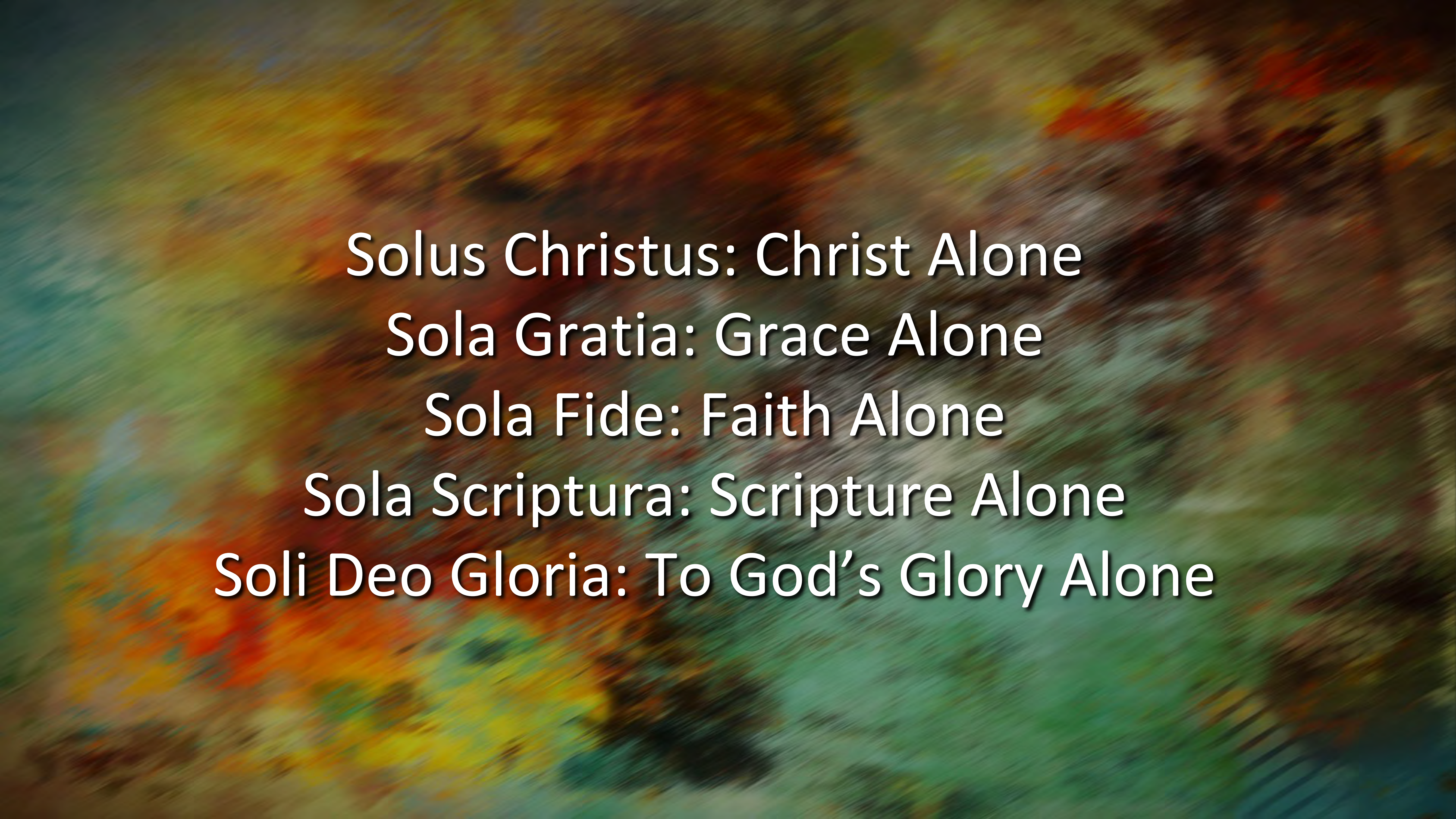
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MARK 1:4-5

John's disciples came to John and said to him,
“Rabbi, that man who was with you on the
other side of the Jordan—the One you
testified about—look, He is baptizing, and
everyone is going to Him.”

JOHN 3:26

²⁷ To this John replied, “A person can receive only what is given them from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves can testify that I said, ‘I am not the Messiah but am sent ahead of Him.’ ²⁹ The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom’s voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete.”

JOHN 3:27-29

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At this point in 2020, I'm more surprised when something is NOT on fire.

Today marks 5 years
we've been in 2020.



2020... in one pic

Pretty sure this is the bridge you take to get to
2021..




HOW DO WE POINT TO JESUS?



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#1

By Humility



Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain
conceit. Rather, in humility value others
above yourselves.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3



*“Humility comes not from a low opinion of self
but rather from a high opinion of God.”*

– Ben Witherington

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#2

By Service

“Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in My name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.”

MARK 9:41

HOW DO WE POINT TO JESUS?

#3

By Mission

¹ When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ² For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

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