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Romans 3:21-27

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Justification:

- **A legal term**
- **From the courtroom**
- **A declaration by God – not guilty! Righteous!**
- **A declaration ahead of time!**

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Sola Gratia: By Grace Alone!

Sola Fide: Through Faith Alone!

Solus Christus: Because of Christ Alone!

Sola Scriptura: Based on Scripture Alone!

Soli Deo Gloria: To God Alone Be the Glory!

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Immediately Paul asks the obvious question:

Where is the boasting?

Who gets to brag?

Who get to boast?

Who has bragging rights?

Who gets the credit?

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Paul's simple reply: It is excluded! (Ἐξεκλείσθη)

From the word "key" plus the Greek preposition / prefix for out!

So…locked out!

1. SOLI DEO GLORIA: TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY!

Romans 4:1 What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?

Romans 4:2 For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God.

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Psalm 115:1 Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, But unto thy name give glory, For thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

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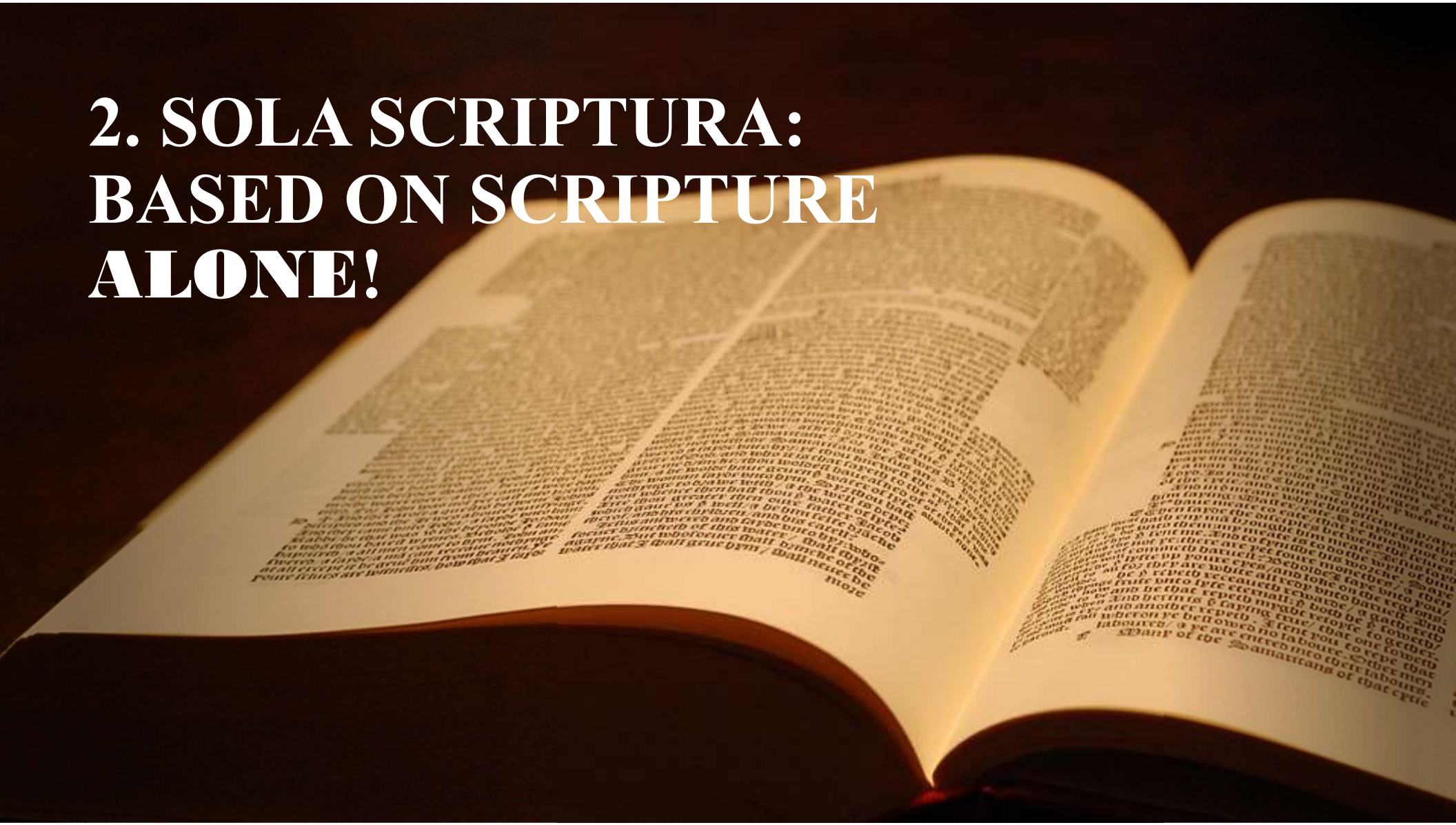
Who gets the credit?

Who gets the glory?

Who has the bragging rights?



2. SOLA SCRIPTURA: BASED ON SCRIPTURE ALONE!

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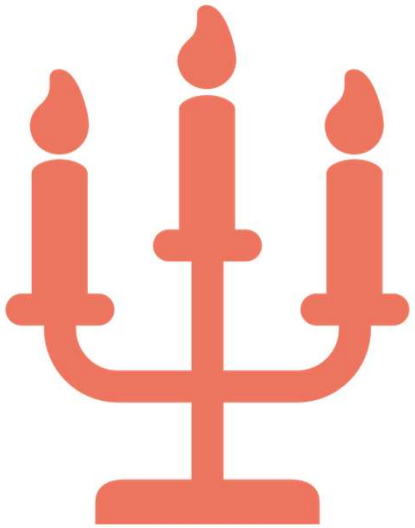
Romans 3:21 But now the righteousness of God **without** the law is manifested, **being witnessed by the law and the prophets;**



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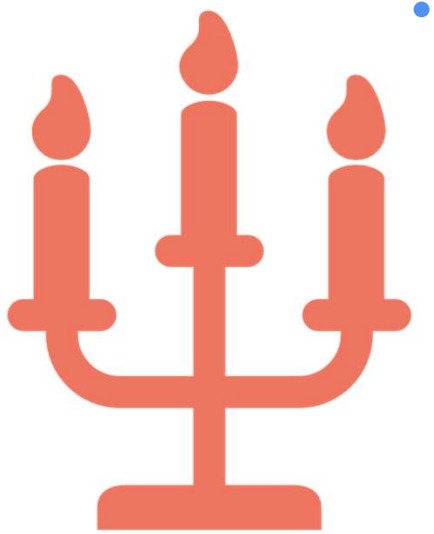

This will be a major theme of Romans 4.

Justification – what does the OT say?

Romans 4:3 For what saith the scripture?
Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Genesis 15:6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

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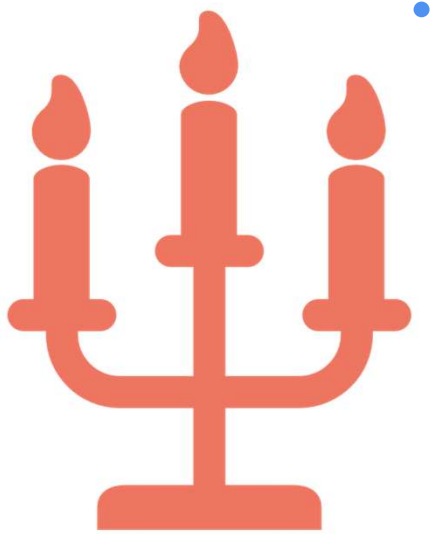

Romans 4:6 **Even as** David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,

Romans 4:7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Romans 4:8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

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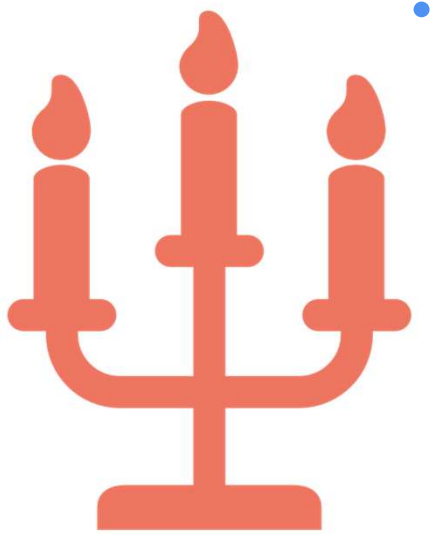

Psalm 32:1 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Psalm 32:2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no guile.

Paul will flesh this out even more in Romans 4:9-25

3. SOLUS CHRISTUS: BECAUSE OF CHRIST ALONE!

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Romans 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace **through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:**

Romans 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith **in his blood**…

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God **through our Lord Jesus Christ:**

3. Solus Christus: Because of Christ **Alone**!

Romans 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, **in due time Christ died for the ungodly.**

Romans 5:7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

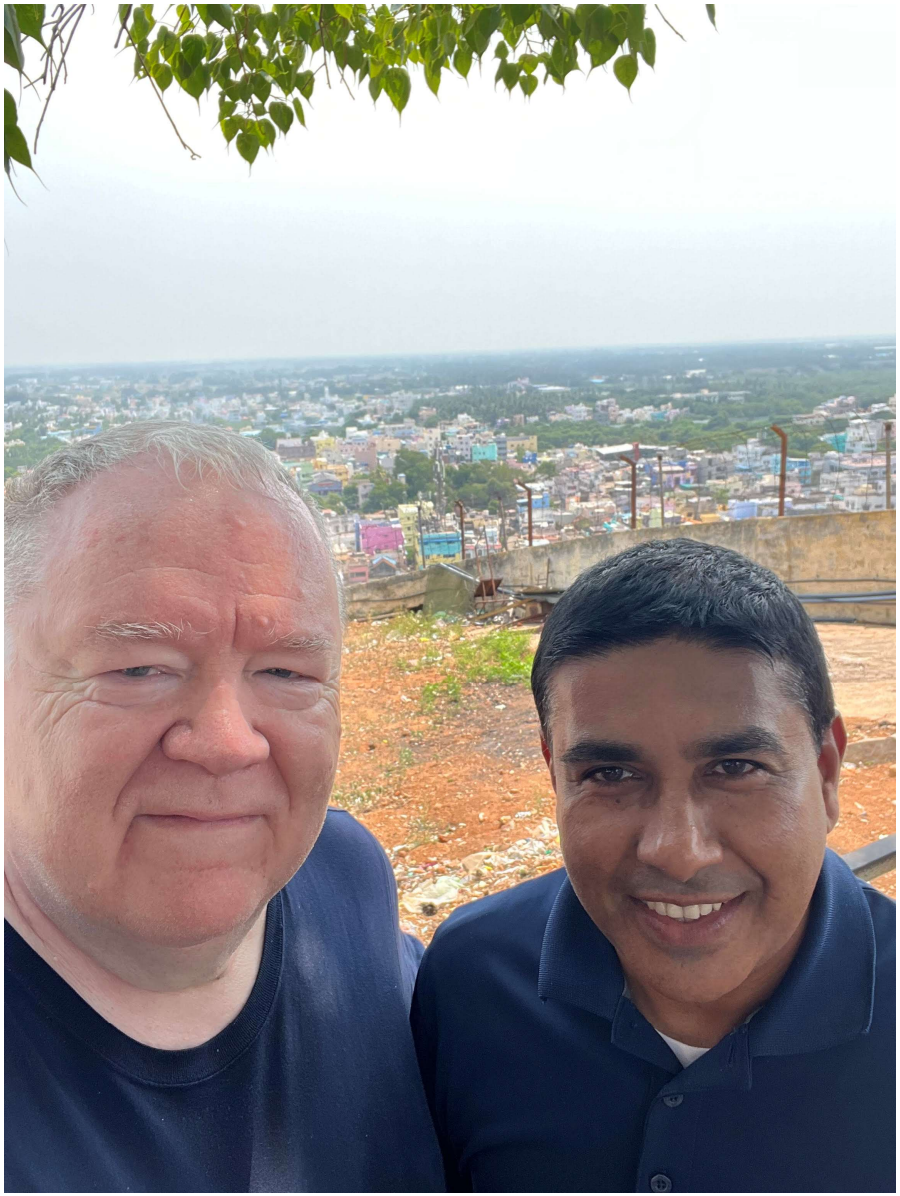
Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, **while** we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us.**

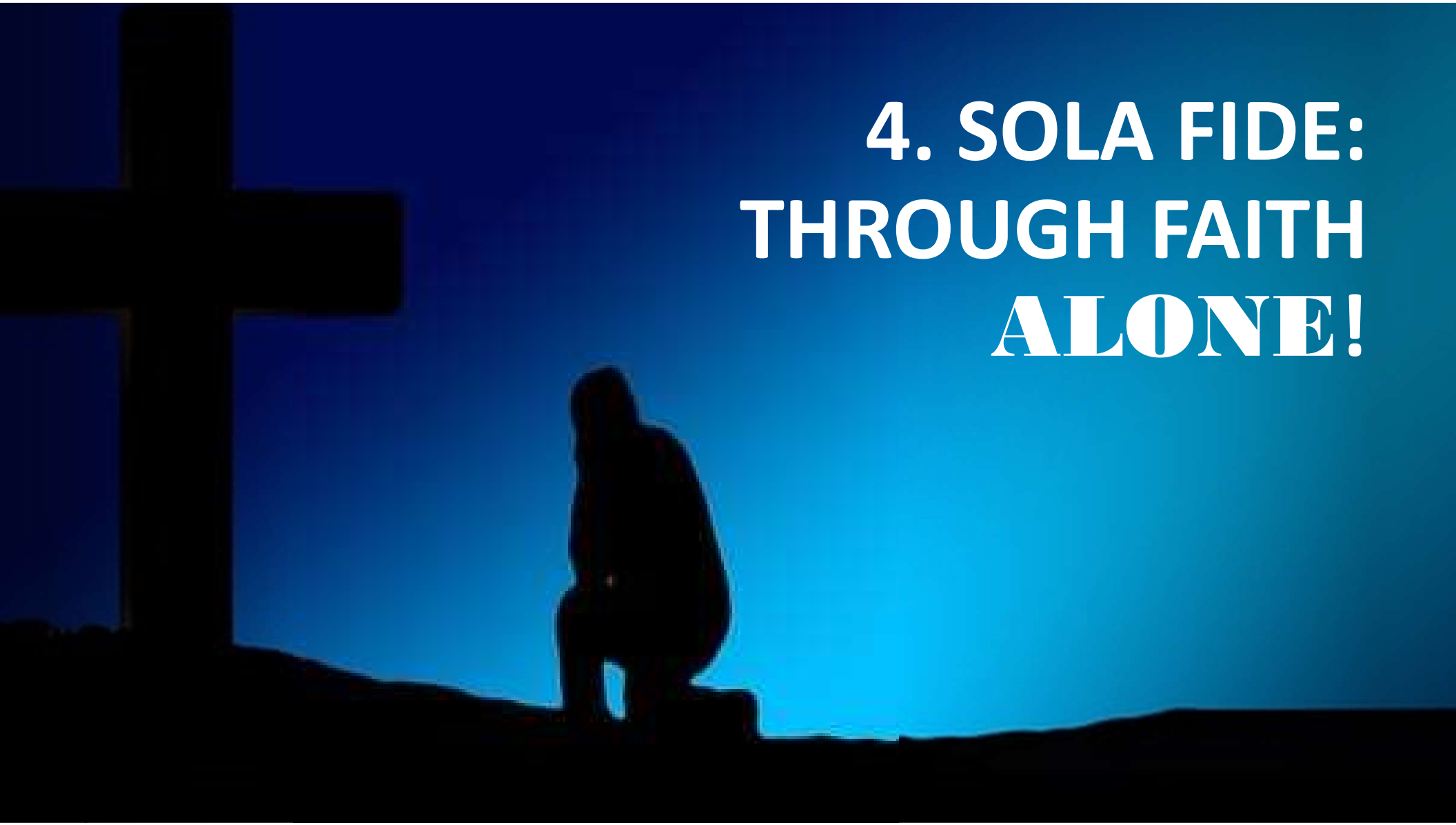
3. Solus Christus: Because of Christ **Alone**!

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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Romans 3:27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? **Nay: but by the law of faith.**

Romans 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Romans 3:29 Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:

Romans 3:30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

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Romans 3:21 But now the righteousness of God **without** the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

Romans 3:22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ **unto all and upon all them that believe**: for there is no difference:

4. Sola Fide: Through Faith **Alone**!

Romans 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation **through faith** in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Romans 3:26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: **that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.**

4. Sola Fide: Through Faith **Alone**!

Faith alone has several issues / questions:

- **It can't be that easy!**
- **Don't I have to do something?**
- **What about all those words…?**

Call	**Trust**
Believe	**Faith**
Drink	**Repent**
Come	**Taste…& see**
Receive	**Look**

All are simple invitations for you to come to Christ!

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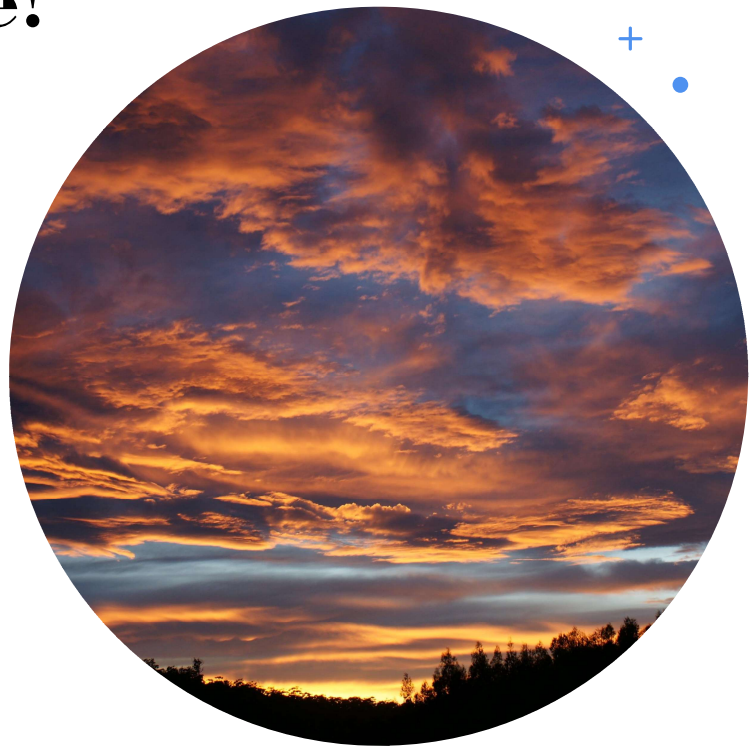

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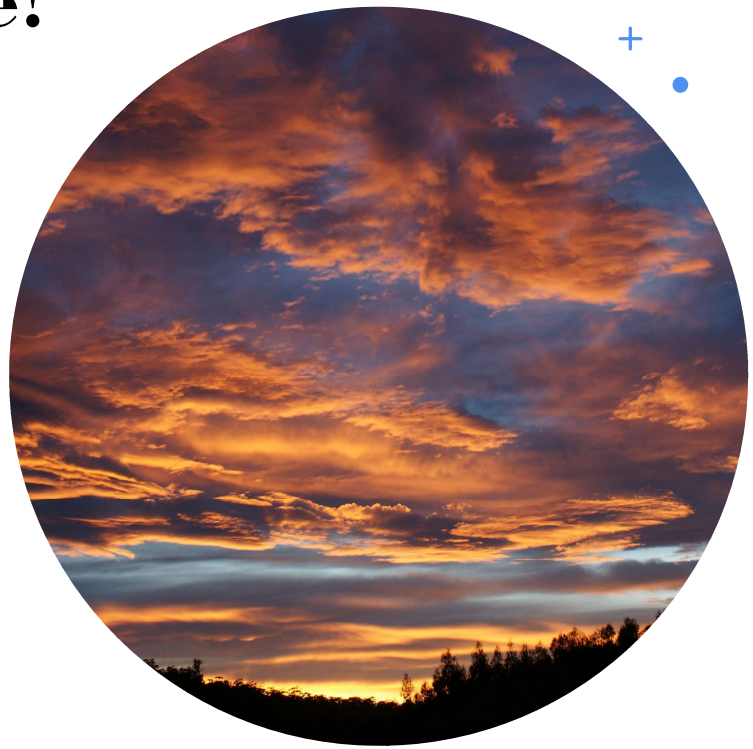
Romans 11:5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

Romans 11:6 And **if** by grace, **then** is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But **if** it be of works, **then** is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.