

Week 3 - Sola Christus

By Christ Alone

? When was the last time you were confident of a particular way of doing something but it didn't work out?

Hebrews 2: 5-18 (NIV)

⁵ It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. ⁶ But there is a place where someone has testified:

“What is mankind that you are mindful of them,
a son of man that you care for him?

⁷ You made them a little lower than the angels;
you crowned them with glory and honor

⁸ and put everything under their feet.”

In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them. ⁹ But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. ¹¹ Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. ¹² He says,

“I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the assembly I will sing your praises.”

¹³ And again, “I will put my trust in him.”

And again he says, “Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Section 1: Christ Alone As Our Savior (Priest)

? How do you see Jesus as a savior in this passage?

What Made The High Priest So High?

The high priest was the supreme religious leader of the Israelites. The office of the high priest was hereditary and was traced from Aaron, the brother of Moses, of the Levite tribe (Exodus 28:1; Numbers 18:7). The high priest had to be "whole" physically (without any physical defects) and holy in his conduct (Leviticus 21:6-8). The most important duty of the high priest was to conduct the service on the Day of Atonement, the tenth day of the seventh month of every year. Only he was allowed to enter the Most Holy Place behind the veil to stand before God. Having made a sacrifice for himself and for the people, he then brought the blood into the Holy of Holies and sprinkled it on the mercy seat, God's "throne" (Leviticus 16:14-15). He did this to make atonement for himself and the people for all their sins committed during the year just ended (Exodus 30:10). It is this particular service that is compared to the ministry of Jesus as our High Priest (Hebrews 9:1-28).

Source: <http://www.gotquestions.org/high-priest.html>

? Looking into verses 9-11, what truths about Jesus does this reveal to us that might affect the way we live our daily lives?

Romans 8: 15 (NIV)

¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

? Looking at this verse from Romans, what does it mean to know that you have been adopted through our Savior?

Section 2: Christ Alone As Our Guide (Prophet)

? How do you see Jesus as a guide in the Hebrews passage above?

? In the Old Testament, Prophets had several functions. They acted as spokesman for God and mediated the relationship between humans and the Lord through healing and miracles. How does Jesus fulfill that role?

? How does knowing that Jesus was tempted and acts as your spokesmen make Him an ideal guide for your life?

Section 3: Christ Alone As Our Lord (King)

? How do you see Jesus as Lord in the Hebrews passage above?

? Our understanding and respect for authority today looks very different from those living in the first century. How do our freedoms make it hard to appreciate Christ as King, and how should Christ's lordship affect your daily life?

? Why is it important that Jesus is not only our Savior and Guide, but also our Lord?

Section 4: Christ As Priest, Prophet, and King

? Why is it important that Christ is our Priest, Prophet, and King?

? In what ways do we – either consciously or subconsciously – seek righteousness outside of Christ? How can we learn from these examples and draw closer to God?

For Discussion and Accountability

? How do you behave as though Christ is not Priest, Prophet, and King over your life? Which office do you tend to ignore the most?

? How can you amplify the way in which you worship Jesus as your Savior, your Lord, and your Guide in life this week?