

*Semper Reformanda: The Biblical Heart of the Reformation*  
Week 6: *Solus Christus*

1. Biographical note: *Solus Christus* in the life of John Bunyan

2. *Solus Christus* – Christ alone

A. Definition and summary

B. Christ is the only savior (Acts 4:10-12)

1. *Who he is*: Christ is the only mediator and high priest (Job 9:32-33; 1 Tim 2:5; Heb 2:17-18)

a. believers are in a priesthood (1 Peter 2:9)

2. *What he did*: Only Christ's merits can bring us justification before God (Philippians 3:9, 2, Corinthians 5:21)

a. Christ fulfilled the law perfectly (Galatians 2:16-21; 3:13-14, 23-26; 5:1-6)

C. Christ is the only head of the church (Ephesians 1:22-23)

D. Christ is the only king (Luke 1:32-33)

3. *Sola Christus* is not a new concept, but has been demonstrated throughout history

A. Hermas (c. 150)

B. Justin Martyr (d. c. 165)

C. Cyprian (d. 258)

D. Arnobius (d. c. 330)

E. Cyril of Jerusalem (d. 386)

F. The Apostolic Constitutions (c. 390)

G. John Chrysostom (d. 407)

H. Marcus Emerita (d. c. 450)

4. **Christological focus**: Jesus' teaching on Christ alone

A. Jesus affirms the scriptures are all about *him* (John 5:37-40; Luke 24:25-27)

B. Jesus affirms salvation is only *in him* (John 14:4-7)

C. Jesus *alone* has all authority (Matthew 28:18)

5. The importance of *Solus Christus* today

A. Christ plus philosophy (Colossians 2:8)

B. Christ plus legalism (Colossians 2:16-17; Philippians 3:3-9)

C. Christ plus mysticism (Colossians 2:18-19)

D. Christ plus asceticism (Colossians 2:20-23)

E. Christ plus pragmatism (Matthew 16:16-18)

F. Christ plus nothing! (2 Peter 1:1-4, Revelation 5)