

TRUTH WARS: 500 YEARS AND COUNTING!

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Week 5 – The First (and Last) Jedi

Introduction:

Five Pillars: Scripture / Faith / Grace / **Christ** / God's Glory

The Person and Work of Christ Alone...

Titus 2:11-13 – "...our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ."

John 1:1-3 – "...the Word was God...Through Him all things were made."

Colossians 1:15-17 – "...the image of the invisible God..."

Hebrews 1:3 – "the exact representation of (God's) being..."

Philippians 2:5-7 – "being in very nature God...equality with God..."

John 14:6 – "...no one comes to the Father except through Me."

1 Timothy 2:3-6 – "one mediator between God and mankind...Jesus Christ."

Luke 2:11 – "a Savior has been born...he is the Messiah, the Lord."

1 John 4:14 – "...his Son to be the Savior of the world."

2 Peter 3:18 – "...Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

John 3:16-17 – "...to save the world through Him."

Revelation 1:17-18 – "...I am the First and the Last..."

Transforming Affirmations:

Grace = our only _____ (forgiveness and life is a free gift)

Faith = our only _____ (the open hands by which we receive the free gift)

Christ = our only _____ (by which we are restored to God)

Jesus said WHAT? Matthew 7:21-23

The Lord Jesus Christ (What's in a Name?)

LORD = a reference to His _____ (He is fully God)

JESUS = a reference to His _____ (He is fully man)

CHRIST = a reference to _____ (He is the Chosen/Anointed One)

The Big Idea...

Living by *grace alone* is my **method** for relating to myself and others!

Living through *faith alone* is my **means** of facing every challenge!

Living in *Christ alone* as my **Mediator** frees me from reliance on the approval of others for my validation!

THIS IS WHAT A HOLY LIFE LOOKS LIKE!

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Personal Life:

1. To be sure, the Bible contains things that require deep thought and careful study to understand. But the identity and mission of Jesus Christ is the clearest thing in the Scripture. Why do you think there is still so much controversy about the identity and mission of Jesus?

Ponderings:

2. That Christ is our only Mediator means that He has made everything perfect between us and God. Give some practical examples of how and why this truth is so critical to live by on a daily basis...
3. Expand upon the core ideas presented in the weekend message, showing how each can apply to specific real or theoretical circumstances in daily life:
 - Grace is my *method* for relating to God, myself and others
 - Faith is my *means* through which to thrive in a fallen world
 - Christ is my *Mediator* in making me clean and close to God
4. Read through each passage listed under the "*Person and Work of Christ Alone*" section of your message notes, and discuss the following thoughts and questions...
 - When a friend asks you how you could possibly believe that Jesus is the only way to God, how do you typically engage with that question?
 - Even though we live in a pluralistic world, we make very "narrow-minded" decisions on a daily basis, and for good reason! Sometimes being narrow-minded is the wisest option. Would you agree or disagree and can you give examples of why?

Promptings:

5. If two billion professing Christians truly began to live a lifestyle of grace as our method, faith as our means and Christ as our Mediator, how might this world be a different place? Whether or not others join you, will you pursue this lifestyle?