

“Reformation 500th Anniversary Bible Study”

Lesson 2 “CHRIST ALONE” 9-24-17

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A 6 Week Study –

From Sept. 17 to Oct. 22 –**Grace, Christ, Faith, Scripture, Justification, Sacraments**
along with brief clips from LCMS President Rev. Matt Harrison’s walking tour of Luther sites.

The Scripture Texts:

Matthew 16:13-20

Matthew 27:21-26

Mark 12:35-37

Luke 2:8-14

Luke 22:67-71

Luke 24:44-49

John 1:40-49

John 11:25-27

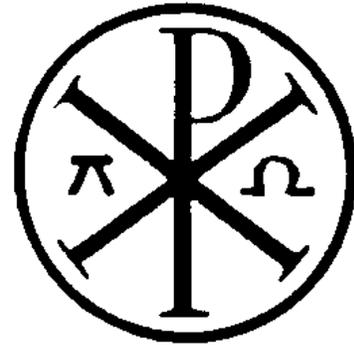
Acts 2:30-36

Romans 1:1-8

1 Cor. 1:1-9

2 Cor 1:19-22

Gal 3:13-16



Eph 3:17-21

Php 2:5-11

Col 3:3,4

1 Thess 5:23

1 Tim 2:5,6

Titus 2:13

Heb 9:24

1 Pet 3:15,16

1 John 4:2,3

Jude 1:21

Rev 1:1-6

Rev 12:10,11

The Definition of Christ:

מָשִׁיחַ (Messiah) = Χριστός (Christ) = Anointed One

(Gen 3:15; 12:3; 49:10; Dt 18:15-19; Ps 2:1-12; Ps. 22;
Is 7:14; 9:1-7; 11:1-10; 52:13 – 53:12; Dan 7:13-14; Micah 5:2; Zech 9:9; Mal 4:5,6)

King David was anointed with oil by Samuel,
King Jesus was anointed with water and the Holy Spirit at his baptism by John.

LUTHER'S LARGE CATECHISM - THE SECOND ARTICLE

²⁵ *“And in Jesus **Christ**, his only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell, the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God, the Father almighty, whence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.”*

²⁶ Here we learn to know the second person of the Godhead, and we see what we receive from God over and above the temporal goods mentioned above—that is, how he has completely given himself to us, withholding nothing. This article is very rich and far-reaching, but in order to treat it briefly and simply, we shall take up one phrase which contains the substance of the article; from it we shall learn how we are redeemed. We shall concentrate on these words, “in Jesus **Christ**, our Lord.”

²⁷ If you are asked, “What do you believe in the Second Article, concerning Jesus **Christ**?” answer briefly, “I believe that Jesus **Christ**, true Son of God, has become my Lord.” What is it to “become a Lord”? It means that he has redeemed me from sin, from the devil, from death, and from all evil. Before this I had no Lord and King but was captive under the power of the devil. I was condemned to death and entangled in sin and blindness.

²⁸ When we were created by God the Father, and had received from him all kinds of good things, the devil came and led us into disobedience, sin, death, and all evil. We lay under God’s wrath and displeasure, doomed to eternal damnation, as we had deserved.

²⁹ There was no counsel, no help, no comfort for us until this only and eternal Son of God, in his unfathomable goodness, had mercy on our misery and wretchedness and came from heaven to help us.

³⁰ Those tyrants and jailers now have been routed, and their place has been taken by Jesus **Christ**, the Lord of life and righteousness and every good and blessing. He has snatched us, poor lost creatures, from the jaws of hell, won us, made us free, and restored us to the Father’s favor and grace. He has taken us as his own, under his protection, in order that he may rule us by his righteousness, wisdom, power, life, and blessedness.

³¹ Let this be the summary of this article, that the little word “Lord” simply means the same as Redeemer, that is, he who has brought us back from the devil to God, from death to life, from sin to righteousness, and now keeps us safe there. The remaining parts of this article simply serve to clarify and express how and by what means this redemption was accomplished—that is, how much it cost **Christ** and what he paid and risked in order to win us and bring us under his dominion. That is to say, he became man, conceived and born without sin, of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin, that he might become Lord over sin; moreover, he suffered, died, and was buried that he might make satisfaction for me and pay what I owed, not with silver and gold but with his own precious blood.

All this in order to become my Lord. For he did none of these things for himself, nor had he any need of them. Afterward he rose again from the dead, swallowed up and devoured death, and finally ascended into heaven and assumed dominion at the right hand of the Father. The devil and all powers, therefore, must be subject to him and lie beneath his feet until finally, at the last day, he will completely divide and separate us from the wicked world, the devil, death, sin, etc.

³² But the proper place to explain all these different points is not the brief children’s sermons, but rather the longer sermons throughout the year, especially at the times appointed for dealing at length with such articles as the birth, passion, resurrection, and ascension of **Christ**.

³³ Indeed, the entire Gospel that we preach depends on the proper understanding of this article. Upon it all our salvation and blessedness are based, and it is so rich and broad that we can never learn it fully.