

Solitary Throne

The Gospel and missions are inextricably bound together, for if the Gospel is unique as it claims to be, all humanity must hear the good news, that we find favor with God only through his Son Jesus. Scripture says...

There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles.

1 Timothy 2:6,7

O For A Thousand Tongues All Hail The Pow'r

ONE GOD....

Listen to what God says about himself from Isaiah 45:

I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things. It is I who made the earth and created mankind upon it. My own hands stretched out the heavens; I marshaled their starry hosts.

For this is what the LORD says—he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited—he says: "I am the LORD, and there is no other.

Declare what is to be, present it—let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me.

"Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear. They will say of me, 'In the LORD alone are righteousness and strength.' " All who have raged against him will come to him and be put to shame.

In The Lord Alone

ONE MEDIATOR

In Colossians 1, Paul tells us that we have been rescued from the dominion of darkness and brought into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Having said that, Paul can't help himself, and begins boasting on the glories of the uniqueness of Christ.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church;

he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

PRAYER

Jesus, we were once your enemies, alienated from you. Our behavior was offensive to your holiness, and there was a vast chasm between us because of sin. But thanks to Christ's physical death upon the cross, we are now viewed as righteous and holy in your sight - we hide behind Christ's righteousness. We are spotless, without blemish of any kind, under no condemnation, since we have placed our faith in Jesus, the one and only, unique Son of God. No accusation can any longer be made against us, since we are now your adopted children, and heirs to unfathomable riches in Christ. All eternity will not be long enough for you to unfold the magnitude or your grace. Now we ask that you enable us to continue in our faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope that is held out to us in the gospel. In Jesus name we pray these things. Amen.

One and Only Savior In Christ Alone

OFFERING

Come To Jesus

SERMON

Pascal, the great French Christian, says in Pensee: Jesus Christ is the center of everything and the object of everything. And he who does not know Him knows nothing of the order of the world and nothing of himself. In Him is all our felicity and virtue, our life, our light, our hope; apart from Him there is nothing but vice, misery, darkness, despair, and we see only obscurity, and confusion in the nature of God and in our own." How can we withhold such a Savior from a dying world? How shall we escape if we neglect to proclaim so great a salvation? Then let us proclaim for "how shall they hear without a preacher?" Samuel Zwemer SOLITARY THRONE

Shout To The North