

SOLA: Fide

October 30, 2022

Speaker: Pastor Joel Schmidgall

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-10, Mark 1:40-45, Proverbs 3:5-7, Romans 10:17, Psalm 23, James 2:18

Sermon Overview: We were saved SOLA GRATIA (by Grace alone), SOLA FIDE (by Faith alone), SOLUS CHRISTUS (in Christ alone), SOLA SCRIPTURA (Scripture alone), SOLI DEO GLORIA (for the Glory of God alone).

Sermon Series Questions:

- 1. What areas do you find yourself deconstructing right now?
- 2. Where are you at in the reconstruction process? What are your anchors?
- 3. What did Paul mean by Philippians 2:12 that says, "Work out your salvation with fear and trembling?"

Sermon Specific Questions:

- 1. James 2:18 says, "Show me your faith without works, and I will show you my faith by my works." How are you using the faith that God has already given you?
- 2. Does your focus stay on the Father throughout the day? What is causing you to be distracted? Ask the Lord to prompt you to refocus on Him throughout the day.
- 3. What are you putting your trust in? It's easy to say that we trust God, but then we worry and we fear and we act like everything depends on us. How are your actions reflecting your trust in God? In what parts of your life do you need to change your actions to demonstrate your faith?

Digging Deeper:

- If faith is a muscle, then the more that you exercise it, the more it grows. Is there something in front of you that makes you very uncomfortable? Why is it uncomfortable? Could this be an opportunity to exercise your faith? How does God view this scenario?
- Take out your journal or a piece of paper. Spend 5 minutes in silence. Write down every thought that comes through your mind during those 5 minutes. Examine those thoughts and see which ones reflect faith and trust in God and which ones do not. For those that do not reflect faith, look up scriptures that counter the lies and unbelief of those thoughts.

Practical Application:

- House of Prayer meets Thursdays at 7:14 pm at Capital Turnaround. Join us every Thursday at Capital Turnaround. Visit ncc.re/houseofprayer for more details.
- Upper Room is a new community space dedicated solely to prayer. All are welcome. Upper Room prayer sets are at the Capital Turnaround (8th and L St. entrance).
- Join in Focused Prayer Set Times (visit times at ncc.re/hop):
 - o Tuesdays, 9am in the Upper Room
 - Wednesdays: Virtually 7:14 am on <u>Upper Zoom</u> (use link to fill out the form and see dates) and 7:14am in person at Upper Room
 - Thursdays: 12pm visit times at ncc.re/hop
- Download the NCC app or visit <u>ncc.re/daily</u> to listen to short, daily teachings M-F accompanying this series.
- Join a small group <u>ncc.re/groups</u> to discover ways you can use your talents and passions to serve the various church campuses in-person and online.
- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the NCC app to find our plan).