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Colossians 1:15–20

Scripture alone, in contrast to **Scripture plus** papal pronouncements and church tradition.

Grace alone, in contrast to **Grace plus** humankind's worthiness.

Faith alone, in contrast to **Faith plus** good works.

Christ alone, in contrast to **Christ plus** other mediators or human merit.

God's glory alone, in contrast to **God's glory plus** humankind's supposed gloriousness.

BELIEVE IN THE EXCLUSIVITY AND SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST BECAUSE OF GOD'S AUTHORITATIVE VALIDATION (Matthew 3:17; Colossians 1:15–20).

1. He is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation... all things were created through Him and for Him.
2. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.
3. He is the Head of the body, the church.
4. He is the Beginning, the Firstborn from the dead...
For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

BELIEVE IN THE EXCLUSIVITY AND SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST BECAUSE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT'S AFFIRMATION (Luke 24:25–27).

Beginning from Genesis 3:15, the entire Old Testament refers to the coming Messiah. By fulfilling all the prophecies about Himself and explaining how the Old Testament points to Himself, the exclusivity and sufficiency of Christ are validated.

BELIEVE IN THE EXCLUSIVITY AND SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST BECAUSE OF HIS OWN AUTHORITY.

Note the explicit claims of Jesus: *Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am* (John 8:58). *I and the Father are one* (John 10:30). *Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father* (John 14:9). In Mark 14:61–62, the high priest asked Him, *"Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"* And Jesus said, *"I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."*

FINAL THOUGHTS

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other Name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all. Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name that is above every name, so that at the Name of Jesus, every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5–6; Philippians 2:9–11) ■

Solus Christus: Kaligtasan sa Pamamagitan ni Kristo Lamang

Colossians 1:15–20

Mula pa sa ugat ng kasaysayan, ang pinaka-matimbang na na katanungan ng tao ay “...how can a man be in the right before God?” (Job 9:2). Dahil sa pagnanais na hawakan ang sariling tadhana, ang sigaw ng natural na tao ay “Behold, God will not reject a blameless man...” (Job 8:20) – kaligtasan sa pamamagitan ng sariling gawa. Ngunit ang sigaw ng Salita ng Diyos ay “for all... are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus” (Romans 3:23-24) – kaligtasan sa pamamagitan ni Kristo lamang.

1. ANG MALING KATURUAN: SI KRISTO AT IBA PA

Marami ang tumatanggap na si Kristo nga ay isang tunay na Tagapagligtas, ngunit hindi Siya nag-iisa, at marami pang ibang daan patungo sa pagiging matuwid sa mata ng Diyos.

- Pagsunod sa mga ritwal at sakramento o gawaing relihiyoso (Colossians 2:16), pero ito ay mga anino lamang ng tunay na Tagapagligtas na si Kristo Hesus (Colossians 2:17)
- Pagsunod sa mga kautusang moral (Colossians 2:20–22), pero hindi ito nakakapagpalaya sa pang-aalipin ng laman (Colossians 2:23)

Puno ang ating mundo ng mga relihiyon ng makataong pagsusumikap, ngunit ang lahat ng iyan ay magdadala sa atin sa kapahamakan.

2. ANG TAMANG KATOTOHANAN: SI KRISTO LANG DAPAT

- Siya lang ang daan patungo sa Ama (John 14:6)
- Siya lang ang tanging Tagapagligtas (Acts 4:12)
- Siya lang ang tanging Tagapamagitan (1 Timothy 2:5)
- Siya lang ang tunay na Diyos at tunay na tao (Colossians 1:15, 19)
- Siya lang ang nabuhay na maguli (Colossians 1:18)

3. ANG DAKILANG KATIYAKAN: SI KRISTO AY SAPAT

- Sapat ang Kanyang kapangyarihan dahil Siya ang lumikha ng lahat (Colossians 1:15–17), at Siya lang ang may abilidad na bigyang buhay ang patay sa kasalanan (John 5:25–26; Ephesians 2:4–6).
- Sapat ang Kanyang pagtubos sapagkat ganap na at kumpleto ang Kanyang sakripisyo sa krus (Colossians 1:18–20; Hebrews 10:12-14; John 19:30).
- Sapat ang Kanyang kaligtasan sapagkat natupad na Niya ang lahat ng hinihingi ng katuwiran ng Diyos (Matthew 5:17; Hebrews 4:14-16) at ito ay ipinataw Niya sa lahat ng mananampalataya sa Kanya (2 Corinthians 5:17, 21).

HAMON

Kayo ba ay umaasa pa sa relihiyon o sa mabubuting gawa para sa inyong kaligtasan? Malinaw ang Biblia na walang malligtas sa ganyang paraan (Galatians 2:16). Tanging si Hesus lang ang daan, at tanging si Hesus lang ang sapat. Sa Kanya tayo umasa para sa ating kaligtasan. ■

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WORSHIP WITH US AT GCF ORTIGAS

SUNDAYS

8:00 AM English
10:30 AM English
Auditorium B

3:00 PM Filipino
5:30 PM English
Auditorium A

SATURDAYS

5:30 PM Traditional
Auditorium B

Livestream is available during the 10:30 AM and 3:00 PM Sunday Services. The recording of the Traditional Service will be streamed on Sundays at 5:30 PM.

KIDS on SUNDAYS

8:00 AM Kids L.I.F.E. Sunday School
Ages 2 to 6 • 4F | Ages 7 to 13 • 4F
10:30 AM Kids L.I.F.E. Sunday School
Ages 1.5 to 3 • Toddlers' Center, Ground Floor
Ages 4 to 13 • 4F Assembly Area

YOUTH on SATURDAYS

4:00 PM YouthLIVE Discipleship Gathering
For ages 13 to 20 • Fellowship Hall

YOUNG ADULTS on FRIDAYS

7:00 PM YA Fridays
For ages 20s to 40s • Fellowship Hall

BIBLE STUDY on SUNDAYS

9:30 AM Sunday Bible School (SBS)
Open to all • GCF Chapel
9:30 AM "Like Jesus" Youth Bible Study
For all high school students • Room B124
9:30 AM Men's Growth Group Express
Open to all men • Room A107a

PRAYER HOUR on THURSDAYS

8:00 PM GCF Family's Hour of Prayer
Open to all • GCF Chapel and Zoom

OUTREACH on WEDNESDAYS

5:30 PM Ortigas Community Outreach
Open to all • Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Ortigas Community Worship
Open to all • GCF Chapel

TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE & DEATH

Share this with your friends and family who need to know Christ!

THE CHARACTER OF GOD

God is holy, pure, and just. He rightfully and righteously judges and punishes all sin.

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" (Isaiah 6:3)

"Who will not fear you, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy." (Revelation 15:4)

THE CRISIS WE FACE

We all have failed God's standard and face God's righteous judgment.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..." (Romans 3:23)

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth." (Romans 1:18)

THE CALL OF JESUS

The Lord Jesus is God's only way for us to be forgiven and reconciled to God. He took the judgment for our sins on the Cross, and whoever comes to Christ for forgiveness, He gives new life and an eternal relationship with God.

"Jesus said 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" (John 14:6)

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

"The Lord Jesus is calling out to us: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28–30)

WHAT MUST WE DO?

Come to the Lord Jesus for forgiveness and salvation:

"Lord Jesus, be merciful to me—a sinner. I believe that You are the Son of God who took the penalty for my sins on the Cross. I humbly ask You to be my Savior and submit to you as my LORD forever. Amen."

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT GCF ORTIGAS

QUESTIONS ABOUT GCF ORTIGAS?

Want to join a Growth Group? Looking to apply for church membership? Curious about the various ministries? Visit the new INFO HUB at the Lobby.

ARE YOU HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

We would love to connect with you after every Worship Service. Our pastors and team are excited to meet you! Drop by Room BM07 at the Mezzanine Floor or reach out to us at gcf.link/GCFWelcome

DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

If you need support or clarification on some issues, we are here to help. Call the GCF ERCC Hotline at 0917 532 7794

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



Kids L.I.F.E. Needs Volunteers!

If you are a regular GCF worshipper, and you enjoy working with kids, then sign up now! Contact Teacher Angel at 0917 532 7768 **0917 532 7768**

Bible Study Methods at Sunday Bible School

Sundays 9:30 AM
GCF Chapel

GriefShare Support Group

Tuesdays **13 Sessions**
6:30 – 8:30 PM
Open to those who've lost loved ones
For inquiries, contact **0917 532 7794**

Kids L.I.F.E. Sunday School Afternoon Services

Starting **Mar 16** 3:00 PM and 5:30 PM
Sundays **Little Ones**, Toddlers Center
(Nursery to 5 years old),
Growing Ones, 4th Floor
(6 to 12 years old)

Kids L.I.F.E. Christian Education Training 1

Starts **Mar 14** **5 Sessions**
Fridays 7:00 – 9:00 PM
via Zoom

CE 1 is for those who will serve at Kids L.I.F.E. for the Afternoon Services and those who haven't completed CE 1 yet. Register now, contact Teacher Angel at **0917 532 7768*

Two Timeslots for "Like Jesus" Youth Bible Study

Starting **Mar 16** 9:30 – 10:30 AM
Sundays and 4:30 – 5:30 PM
Room B124, GCF Ortigas
Open to all high school students

Biblical Portrait of Marriage 1

Mar 22, Apr 5, and 12 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Saturdays Room BM07-08
Open to all dating, engaged, & married couples
Register via gcf.link/BPOM

Holy Week 2025

Apr 18 **Good Friday Service**
Friday 5:00 PM
*No Traditional Service on April 19

Apr 20 **Resurrection Sunday Services**
Sunday 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM
*No 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM Services

Joshua and Caleb Ministry

The Joshua and Caleb Ministry held a Joint Fellowship with AFP and PNP at Camp Aguinaldo, featuring Dr. Tom Roxas as the guest speaker. Elder Levi Fabellar led powerful praise and worship, fostering unity and spiritual growth among attendees.

SHE Quarterly Fellowship

Last Saturday, single ladies across different generations gathered together for fellowship and a time of learning valuable life lessons from guest speaker, Teacher Francie Castañeda-Lacanilao.

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Worship Ministry Director

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YOUTH L.I.V.E. WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Calling all high school and college students! The Youth community of the church, a.k.a. Youth Living In View Of Eternity, continue to meet together on Saturday afternoons! Join us for the Weekly Discipleship Gatherings every first, second, third, and fifth Saturdays of the month. These are held at 4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We open the time by singing a few congregational songs. Then, we open, read, and study God's Word together. After which, the community is grouped into smaller groups and discusses the Message that was just preached. The Preacher shares a few discussion questions to guide the time, and a Youth L.I.V.E. leader helps guide the discussion time per small group. Again, these are held every first, second, third, and fifth Saturdays.

On fourth Saturdays, still at 4:00 PM, the meetings shift to the Monthly Praise Gathering! We spend more time in singing more songs, usually led by more singers and a full band. This 2025 so far, we have been trying out different venues – Audi A last January, Audi B last February, and possibly the 6th Floor Youth Center this March (subject to change). In between the songs, certain members of the Youth Pastoral Team have been leading focused prayers, by way of teaching the community the reason for being a youth that lives in view of eternity. The Monthly Praise Gatherings in 2024 involved a lot of the Youth congregants praying together in big and small groups, and we look forward to eventually having those again as 2025 continues.

YOUTH L.I.V.E. RETREAT

On June 9 to 11, the Youth community will go on a Retreat. This will be a first of sorts, especially after consecutive God-given years of holding High School and College Camps. More announcements to come, especially once registration begins.

KIDS L.I.F.E. AFTERNOON SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Starting March 16, we will hold Sunday School Classes during the 3:00 PM and 5:30 PM Services led by the Children's Ministry or the Kids L.I.F.E. Team. We are in critical need of Sunday School Teachers for both time slots. If you are a regular GCFer and enjoy working with kids, we invite you to join the team!

God bless you, GCF family! ■

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