

THE WHY OF SOLUS CHRISTUS II

THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF
THE FIVE SOLAS



**Solus
Christus
Christ Alone**

- **We are looking at the reasons for the Protestant Reformation and the formation of the 5 Solas.**
- **What was the protest of Protestantism?**
- **Specifically, why was it necessary to assert that salvation is only through Christ alone?**

The Why of
Solus Christus
Ephesians 1:3-8

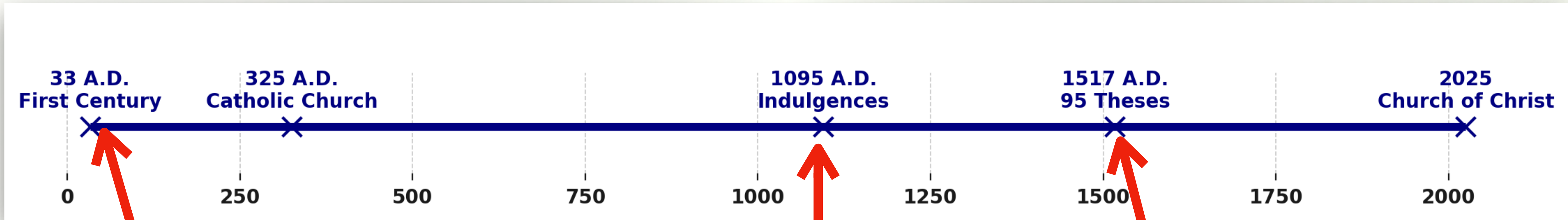
Last Week -

Indulgences were the invention of Pope Urban in 1095 to support the first crusade.

They were acts or gifts offered for forgiveness out of the 'bank of merit' only accessible to the priesthood.

Paul said differently over 1000 years before Urban's ex-cathedra pronouncement!

Timeline of Indulgences



Paul writes
Ephesians
Circa 60 AD

Over 1000 years
after Paul and
the Apostles

Oct. 31, 1517
was the start of
the Reformation
Movement

Last Week -
Ephesians 1:7

- ***In Christ* - Covenant, location**
- ***We have* - present tense**
- ***Redemption by the blood* -
purchased by Calvary's
sacrifice**

Last Week -
Ephesians 1:7

- ***The forgiveness of sin - Atonement, remission, release.***
- ***According to - not out of!***
- ***The riches of His grace - If grace then no merit.***

This Week
Ephesians 3:18-19

“Christ alone gives full access to God for every believer.”

- **The Agency of Christ**
- **The Unity of the Faith**
- **The Equality of the Saints**



The Agency of Christ

- **Through Him - matches the numerous 'in Hims, by Hims, for Hims and with Hims' in Ephesians.**
- **Jn. 14:6 "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but by me."**
- **This access is to the fulness of the triune God. #bank**
- **This biblical doctrine destroys the heretical claims of the mediation of the Catholic priesthood.**



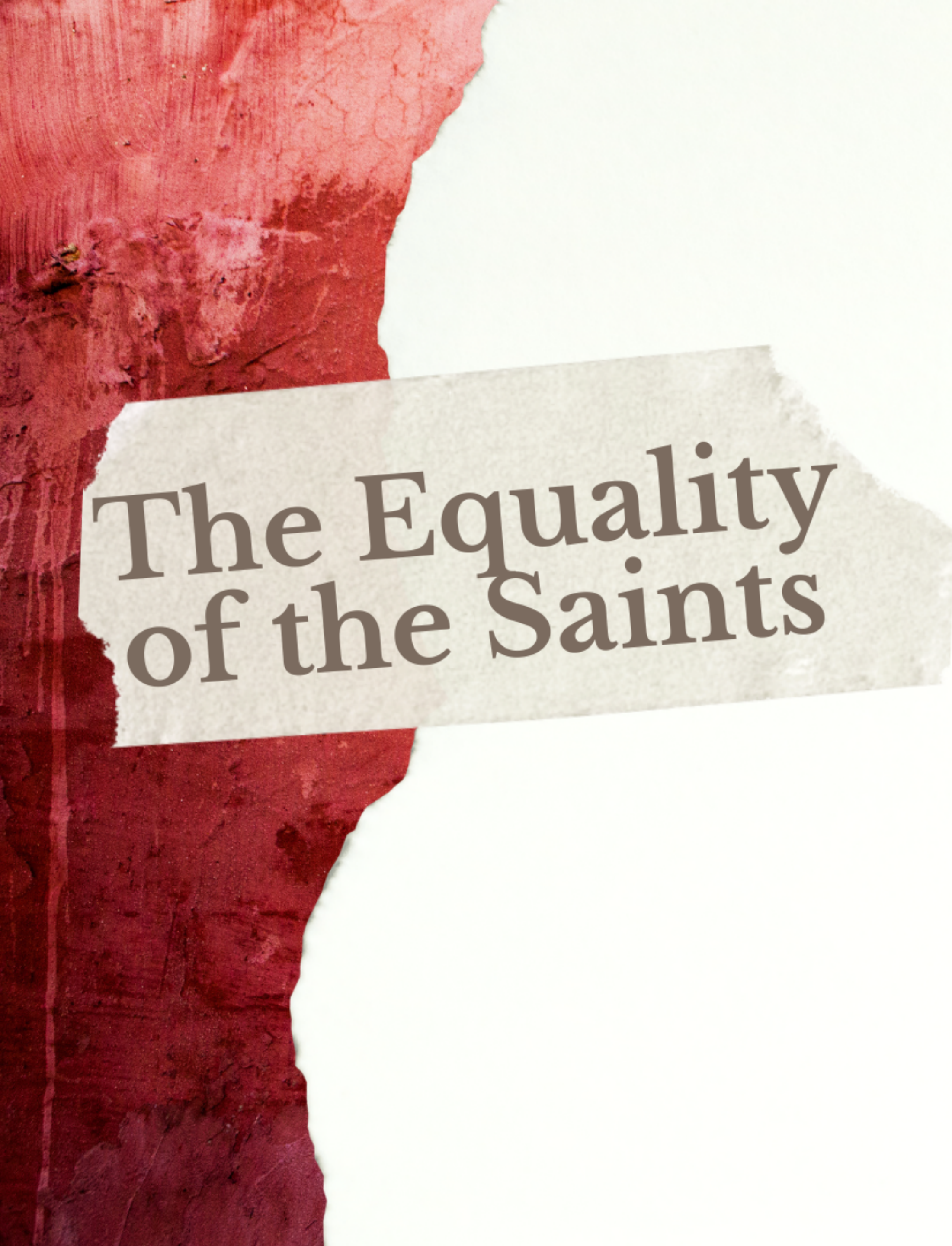
The Unity of the Faith

- **“We both have access” refers to the Jew and Gentiles, which means every race.**
- **The unity of the believers is consistent in Paul’s writings (Rom. 3:29, I Cor. 1:10, Phil. 4:2, and Col. 3:15).**



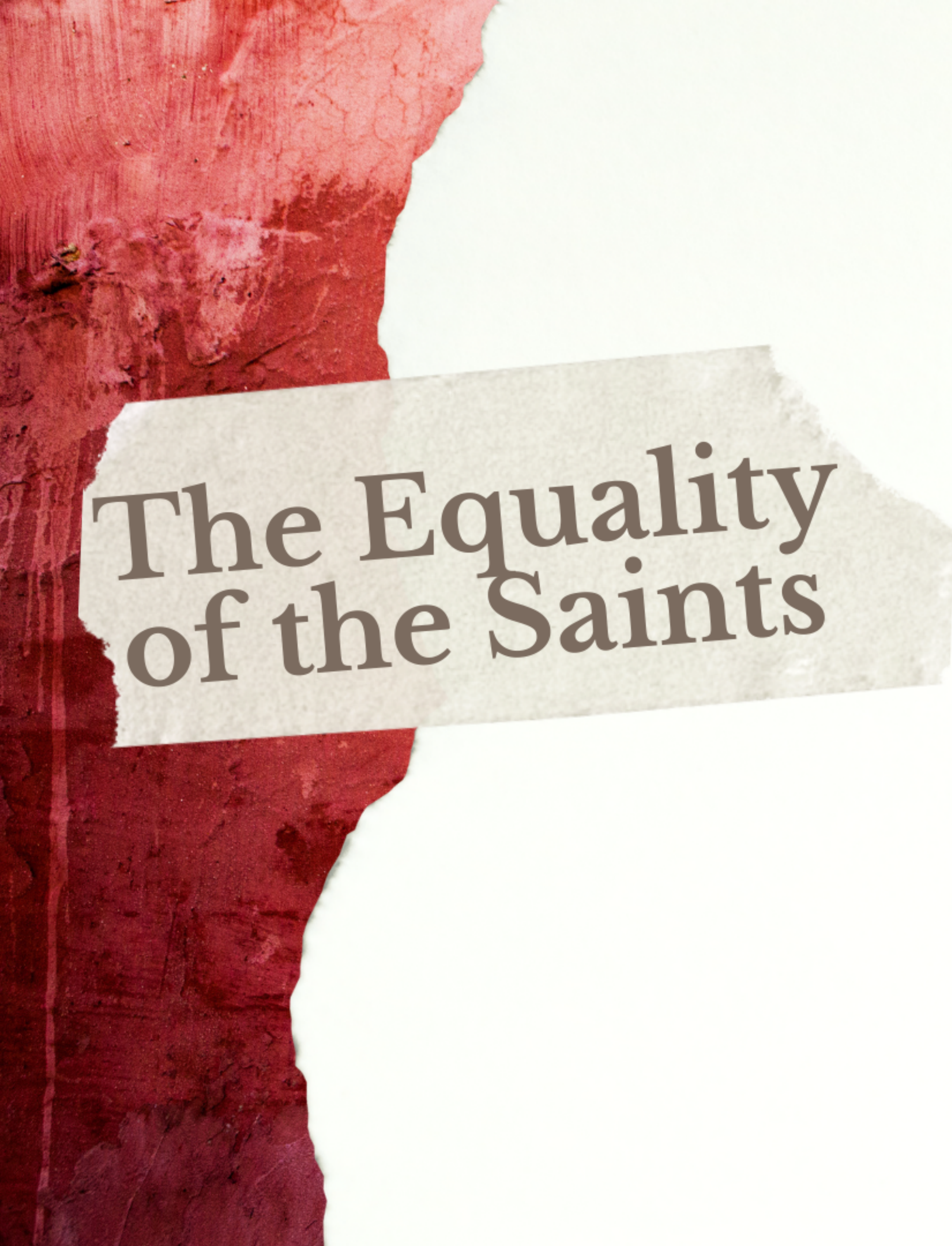
The Unity of
the Faith

- **The ancient rift, animosity, racism and mutual hatred was a constant threat to the body.**
- **All nations, Jew and Gentile, are brought together through One Mediator.**
- **We are made one by One.
#ourpeace**



The Equality of the Saints

- **No longer strangers and foreigners is an incredible, unimaginable and, without Christ, an impossible statement.**
- **This is not just unity but equality and community. There is no class or caste system.**
- **The Jews had an advantage in theology and sanctity but not proximity.**



The Equality of the Saints

- This points to the royal priesthood of the believers.
- All are one, of equal standing and equal access in Christ.
- **“Father forgive me...” ought never be spoken to a man to access God.**
- **“Pray for me” is intercessory prayer in concert and cooperation for strength and solidarity, not dependency.**



The Protest of Solus Christus

- **Christ alone is what gains us full access to God!**
- **We are the priesthood of believers through Christ.**
- **If this was taught the power structure of the 'Holy Roman Empire' would be undone and the income of indulgences would end.**



Challenge for
Today!

- **Get into Christ!**
- **Know the Word for yourself!**
- **Realize that there are spiritual predators powerful and persuasive against the unknowing.
#solaScriptura**
- **Commit to teach others.**