

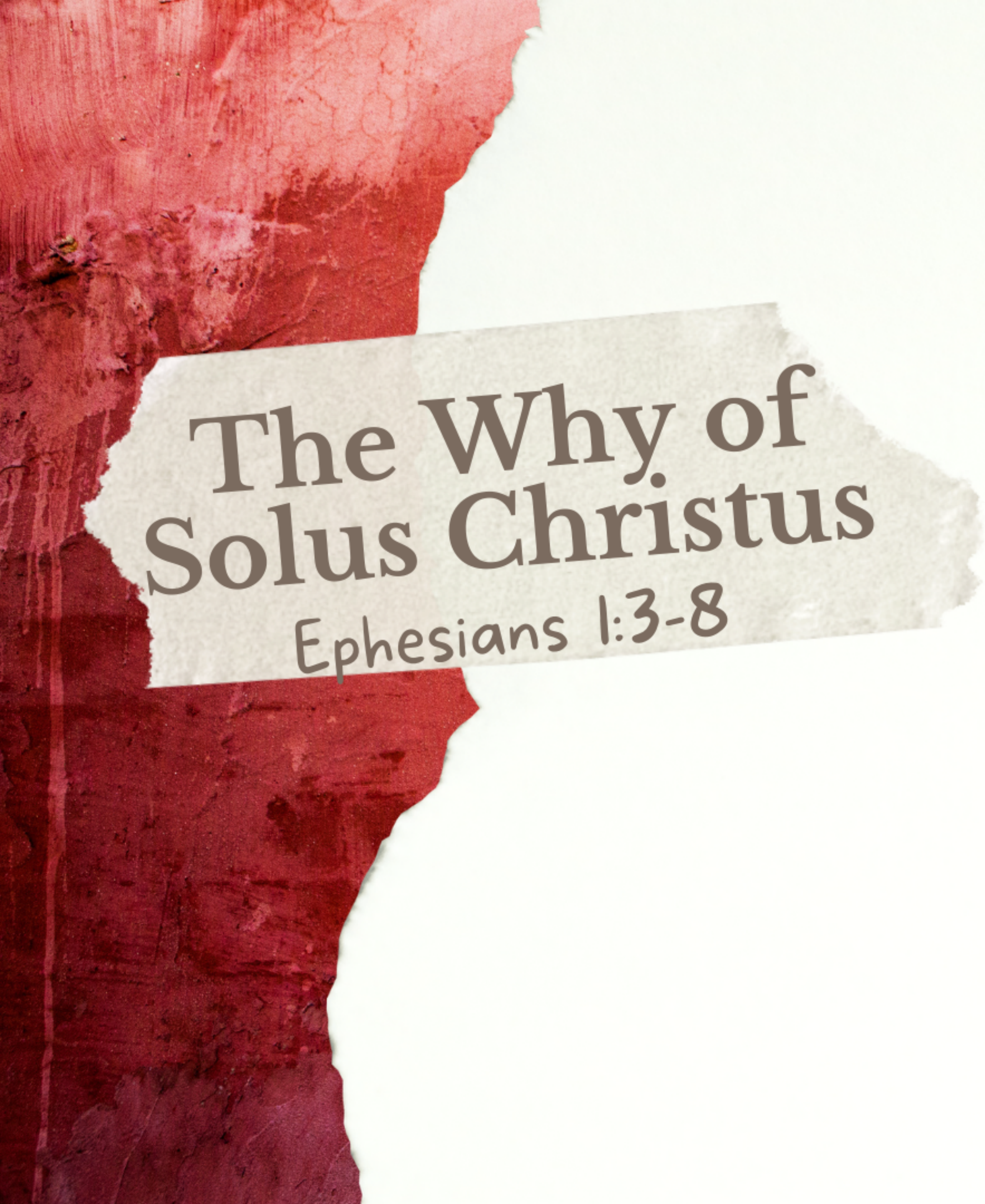
THE WHY OF SOLUS CHRISTOU

THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF
THE FIVE SOLAS



Solus
Christus
Christ Alone

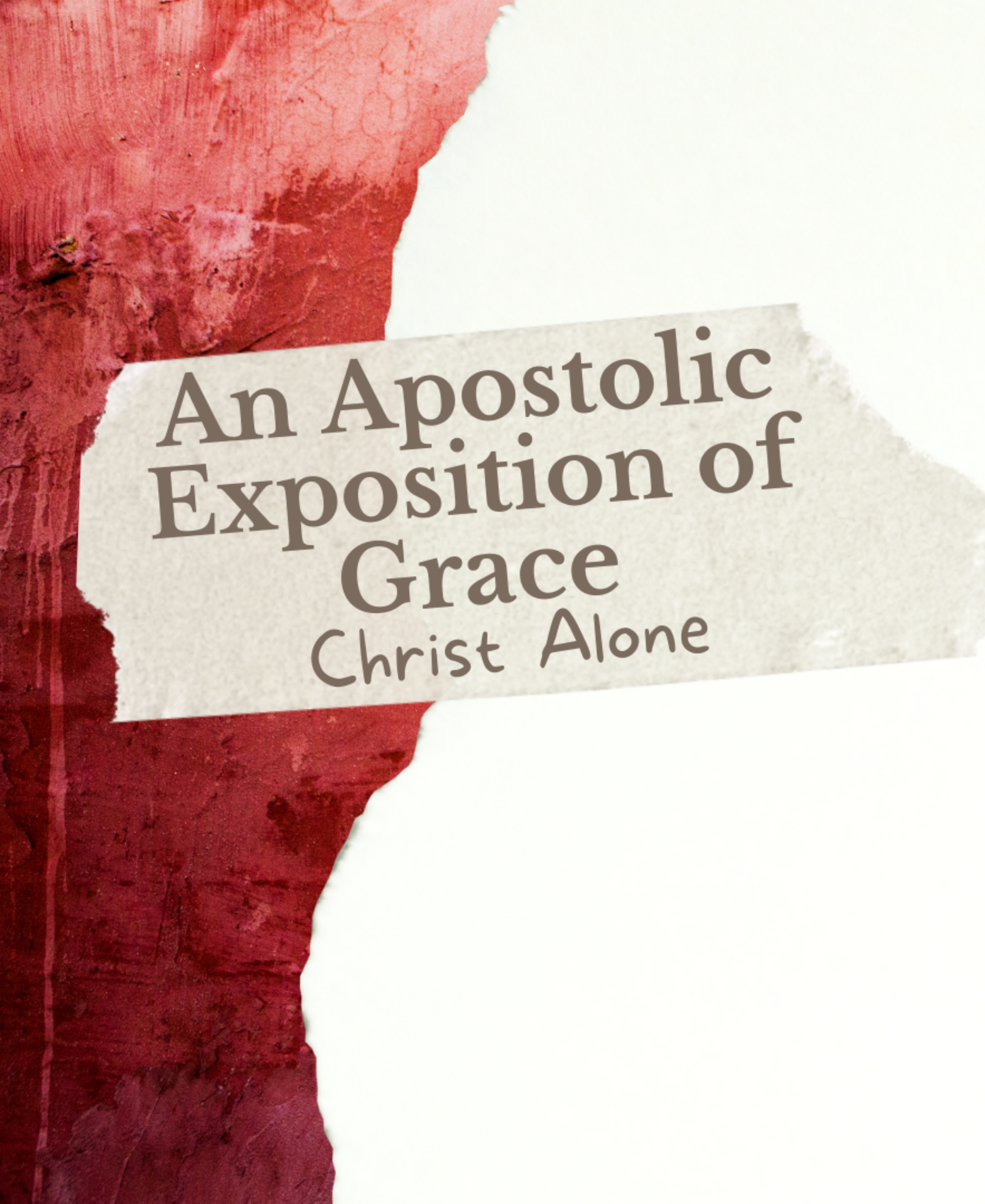
- The 5 Solas are the battle cry of the Protestant Reformers.
- They sought to reform or correct the Catholic church by protesting against its unscriptural and unethical practices.
- The historical context will add depth to the message of the Sola as well as build discernment against false teaching.
- Christ Alone is poetic and poignant but also a serious defense of the Word of God.



**The Why of
Solus Christus**
Ephesians 1:3-8

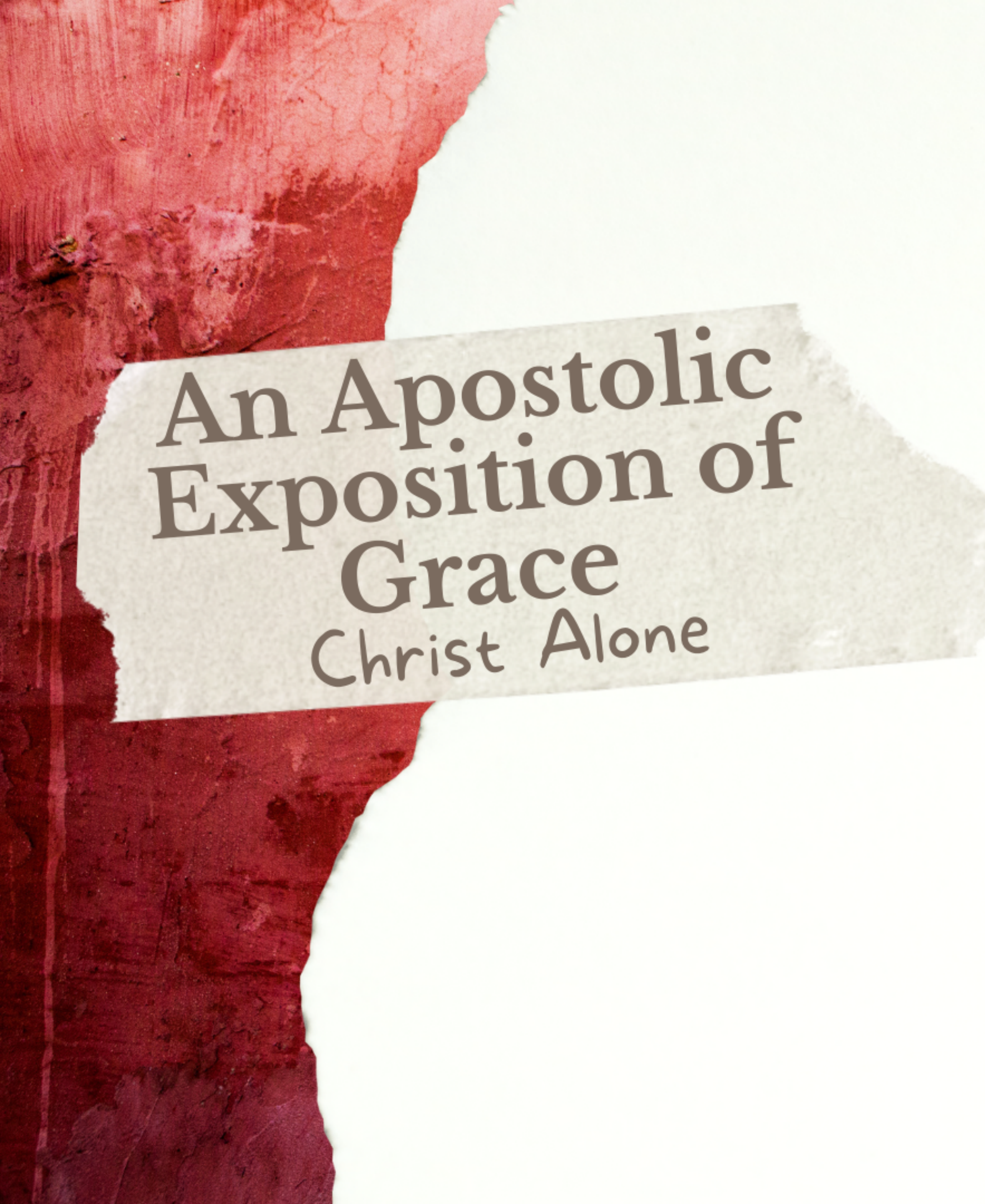
Scripture proclaims Christ as the singular means of salvation, including the perpetual forgiveness of sins!

- An Apostolic Exposition of Grace
- A Problematic Invention for Gain
- An Apologetic Assertion for God



An Apostolic
Exposition of
Grace
Christ Alone

- Paul is lifting up the blessings of the high calling in Christ.
- Every blessing is centered and located singularly 'In Christ' (35 times).
- Redemption is the purchase of a captive or slave to be freed. **#TheBlood**



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- Forgiveness (*have*) is a present tense verb meaning continuous action.
- This salvation is according to, not out of, the riches of his Grace!
- Grace is the most amazing and misunderstood factor!



A Problematic
Invention
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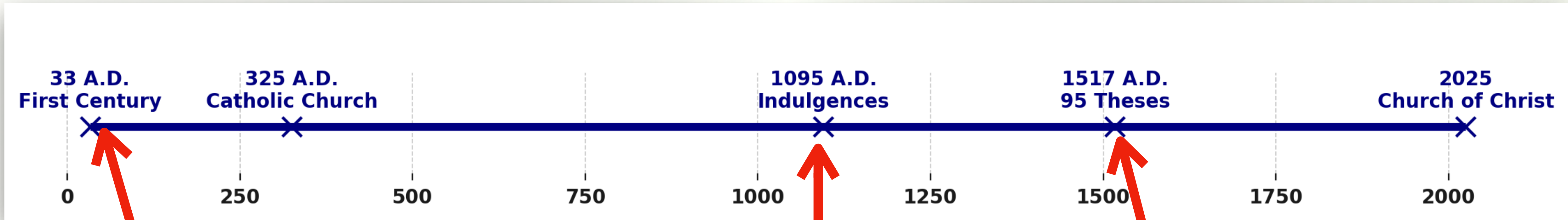
- Pope Urban in 1095 instituted indulgences as a means to gain support for the first Crusade. **#Excathedra**
- Indulgences were acts (works) and later gifts offered to obtain forgiveness. **#hailmarysandourfathers**



A Problematic
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- The petitioner gained access to the 'Bank of Merit' through the mediation of a priest.
- The bank was the collection of the good works of Jesus and the 'saints'.
- Adherents can apply purchased merit to loved ones needing grace to enter heaven. **#purgatory**

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

33 A.D.
First Century

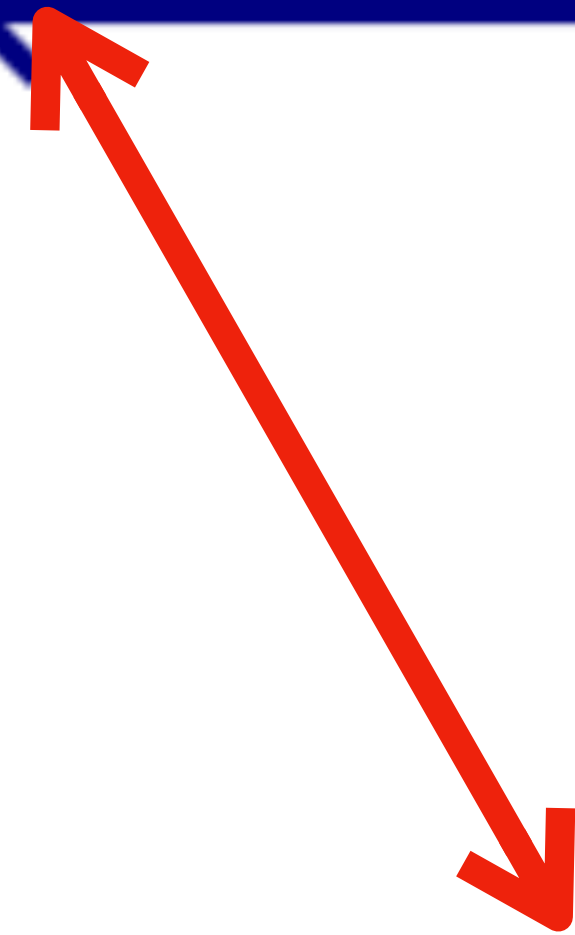
325 A.D.
Catholic Church

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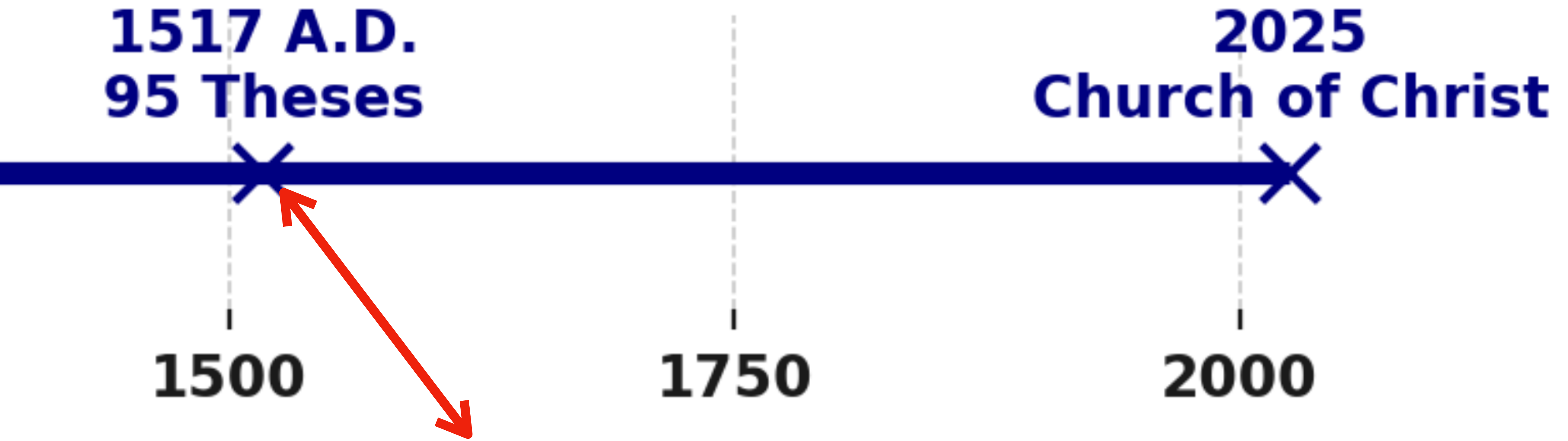
**1095 A.D.
Indulgences**

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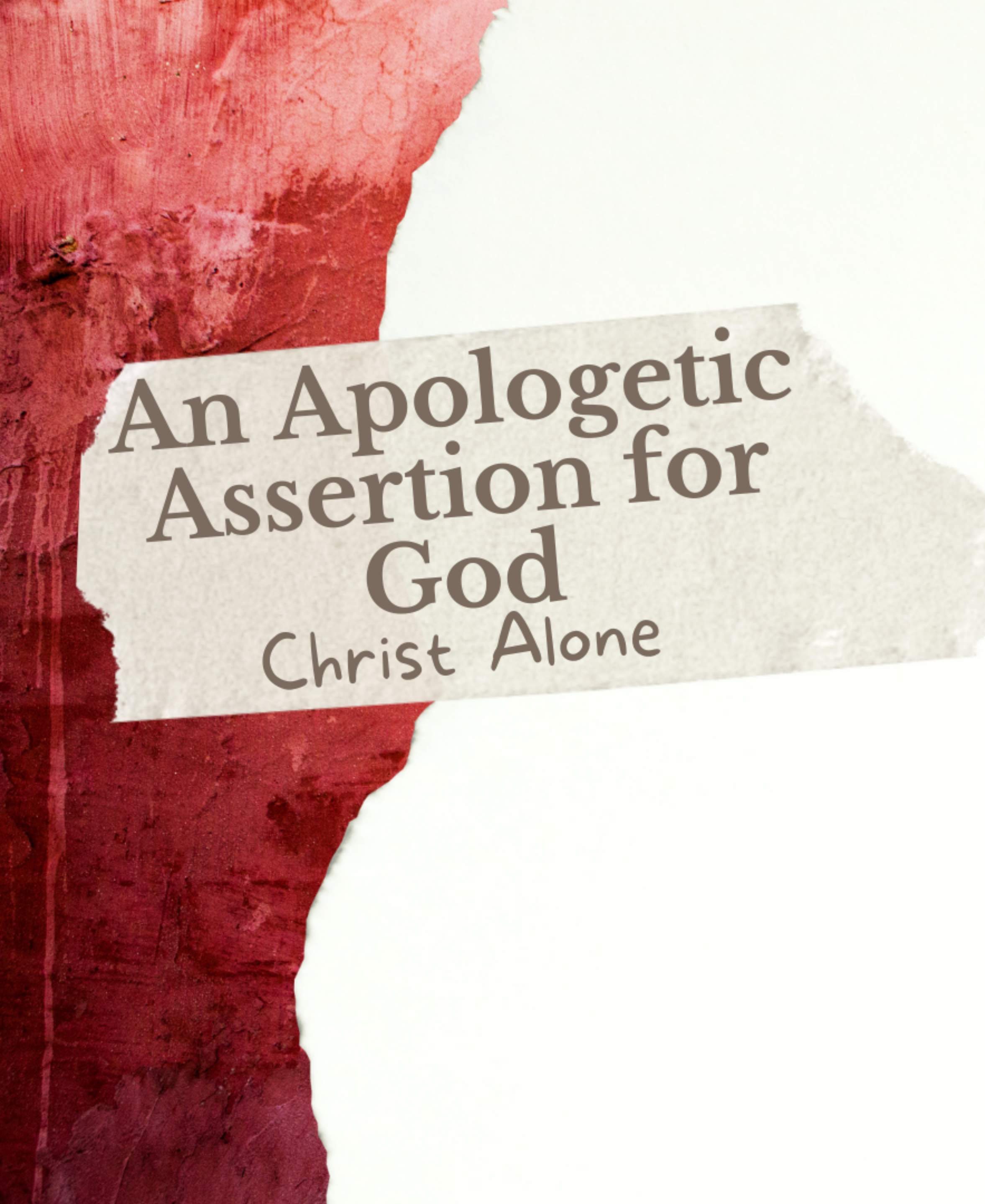
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An Apologetic
Assertion for
God
Christ Alone

- After 500 years of growing abuse in the catholic Church, a priest and scholar named Martin Luther nailed his 95 Thesis on the door of Wittenberg Castle Church in October 31, 1517.
- This work challenged the use of indulgences, the authority of the Pope, the immorality of the priesthood and the denial of Scriptural authority.



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- Christ Alone, Faith Alone, Grace Alone, Scripture Alone and for His Glory Alone was a plea and charge to correct and reform.



CHALLENGE!

- Know truth from error! — **Be Discerning!**
- Speak for God! — **Be Committed!**
- Embrace God's amazing grace! — **Be Forgiven!**
- Get in Christ! — **Be Saved!**