#### JESUS, THE BETTER COVENANT (PART 1)





<sup>1</sup> Now the point in what we are saying is this: WE HAVE such a High Priest, one who IS seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, <sup>2</sup> a Minister IN the holy places, IN THE TRUE TENT [TABERNACLE] that the Lord set up, not man.

### Hebrews 8:1-7



<sup>3</sup> For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this Priest also to have SOMETHING TO OFFER. 4 Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law.

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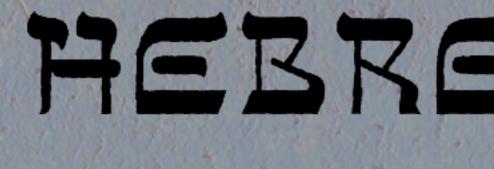


<sup>5</sup> They serve a <u>COPY</u> and <u>SHADOW</u> of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the TENT, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain."

# HEBREWS 8:1-7



#### <sup>6</sup> But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as THE COVENANT HE MEDIATES IS **BETTER**, since it is enacted on **BETTER PROMISES**.



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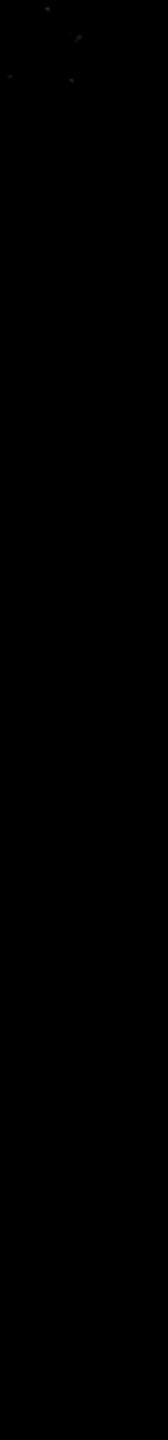






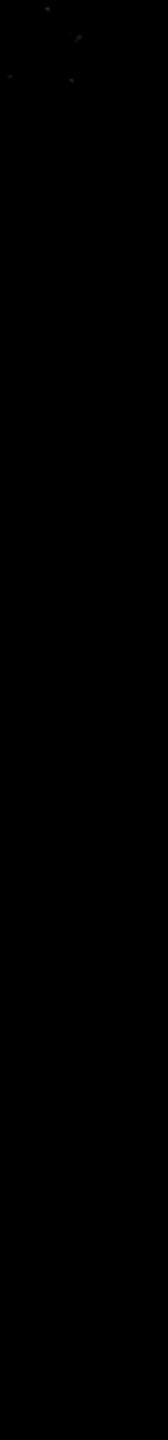


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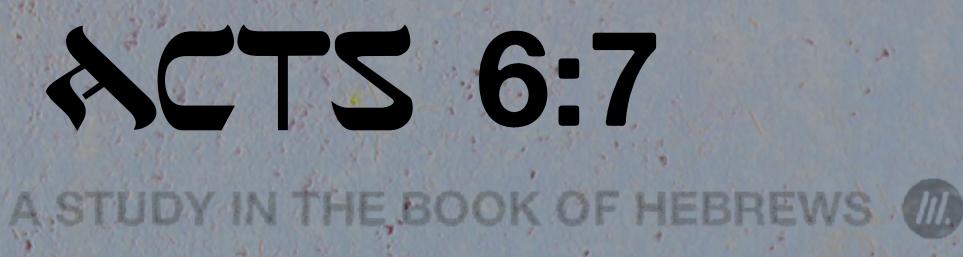
# The irony of the inquisition by the high priest.





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<sup>7</sup> God's word continued to grow. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased significantly. Even a large group of priests embraced the faith.





<sup>13</sup> Before the council, they presented false witnesses who testified, "This man never stops SPEAKING AGAINST THIS HOLY PLACE and the LAW. 14 In fact, we heard him say that this man Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and alter the customary practices Moses gave us."

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# true?"

<sup>15</sup> Everyone seated in the council stared at Stephen, and they saw that his face was radiant, just like an angel's. 7:1 THE HIGH PRIEST ASKED, "Are these accusations

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44 "The tent of testimony was with our ancestors in the wilderness. MOSES built it just as he had been instructed by the One who spoke to him and ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN HE HAD SEEN. 45 In time, when they had received the tent,

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our ancestors carried it with them when, under JOSHUA'S leadership, they took possession of the land from the nations WHOM GOD expelled. This tent remained in the land until the time of David. 46 God approved of David,



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WHO ASKED that he might provide a dwelling place for the God of Jacob.47 But it was Solomon who actually built a house for God. 48 HOWEVER, the Most High doesn't live in houses built by human hands. As the prophet says,



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<sup>49</sup> Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. 'What kind of house will you build for Me,' says the Lord, 'or where is My resting place? <sup>50</sup> Didn't I make all these things with my own hand?'

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<sup>51</sup> "You stubborn people! In your thoughts and hearing, you are like those who have had no part in God's covenant! You continuously set yourself against the Holy Spirit, just like your ancestors did 52 Was there a single prophet your ancestors didn't harass?



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53 You received the Law given by angels, but you haven't kept it." 54 Once the council members heard these words, they were enraged and began to grind their teeth at Stephen. 55 But Stephen, enabled by the Holy Spirit,

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57 At this, they SHRIEKED and COVERED THEIR EARS. Together, they CHARGED AT HIM, <sup>58</sup> threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses placed their coats in the care of a young man named Saul.



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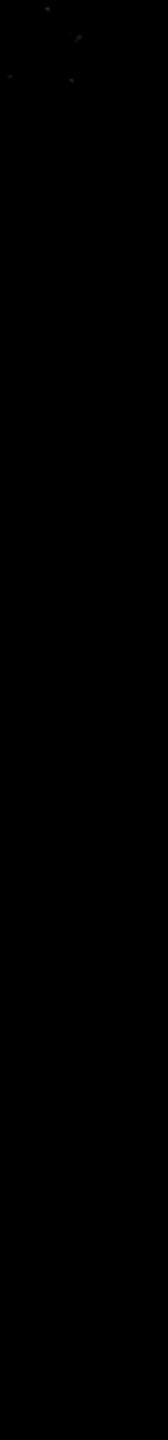
<sup>59</sup> As they **battered him with stones**, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, accept my life!" <sup>60</sup> Falling to his knees, he shouted, "Lord, don't hold this sin against them!" Then he died.

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# 1. Why were they so angry?



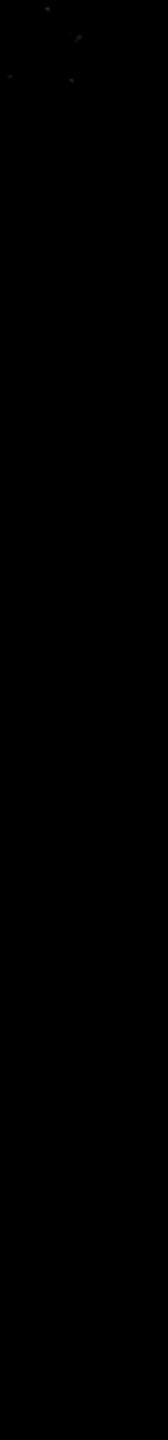


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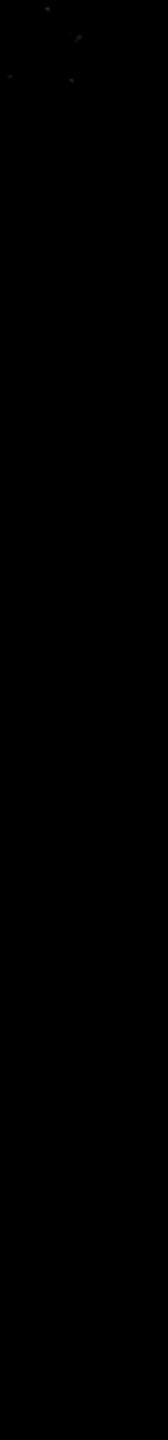
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<sup>7</sup> Those who believe are the children of Abraham. <sup>8</sup> But when it saw ahead of time that God would make the Gentiles righteous on the basis of faith, scripture preached the gospel in advance to Abraham:



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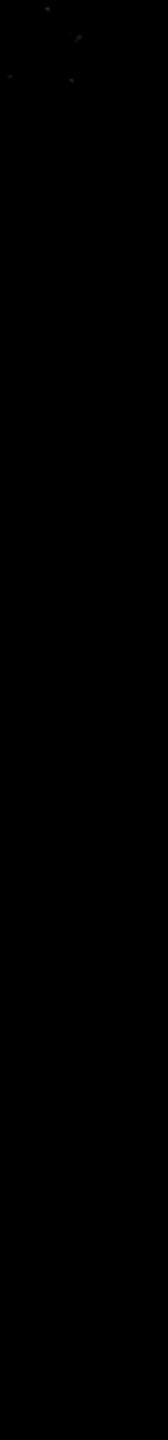
#### All the Gentiles will be blessed in you. <sup>9</sup> Therefore, those who believe are blessed together with Abraham who believed.

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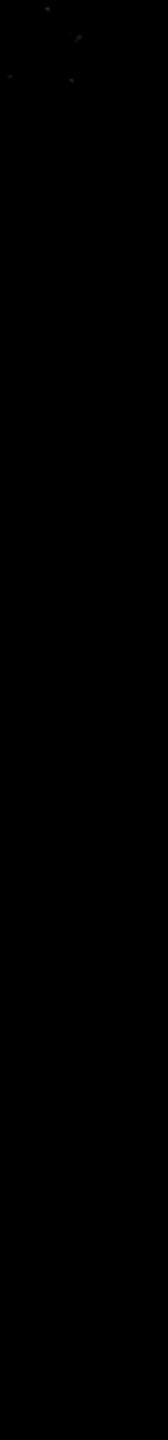
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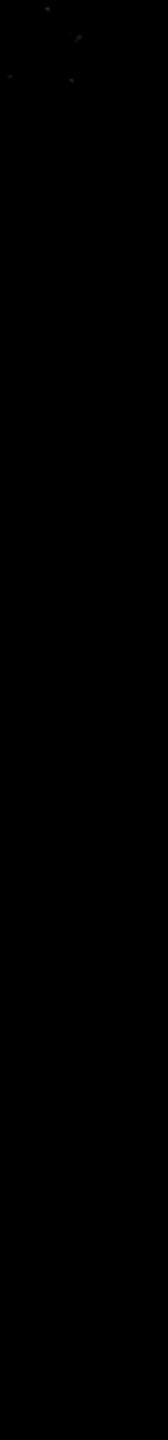


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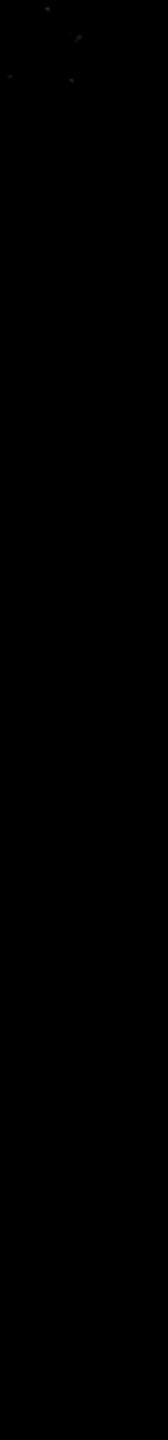
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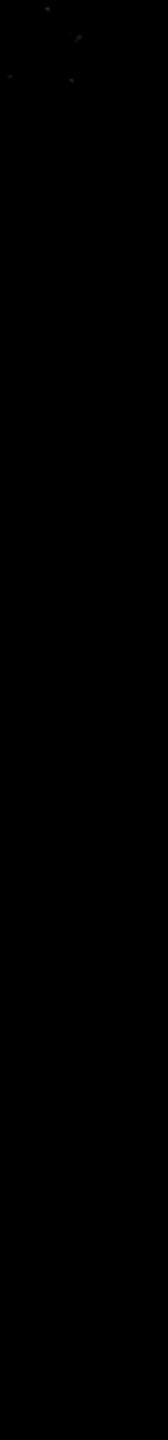


## 2.1 For atheists.

"I was at this time living, like so many Atheists or Antitheists, in a whirl of contradictions. I maintained that God did not exist. I was also very angry with God for not existing. I was equally angry with Him for creating a world."

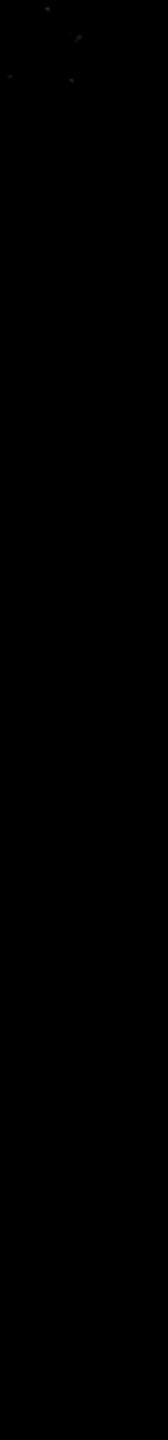
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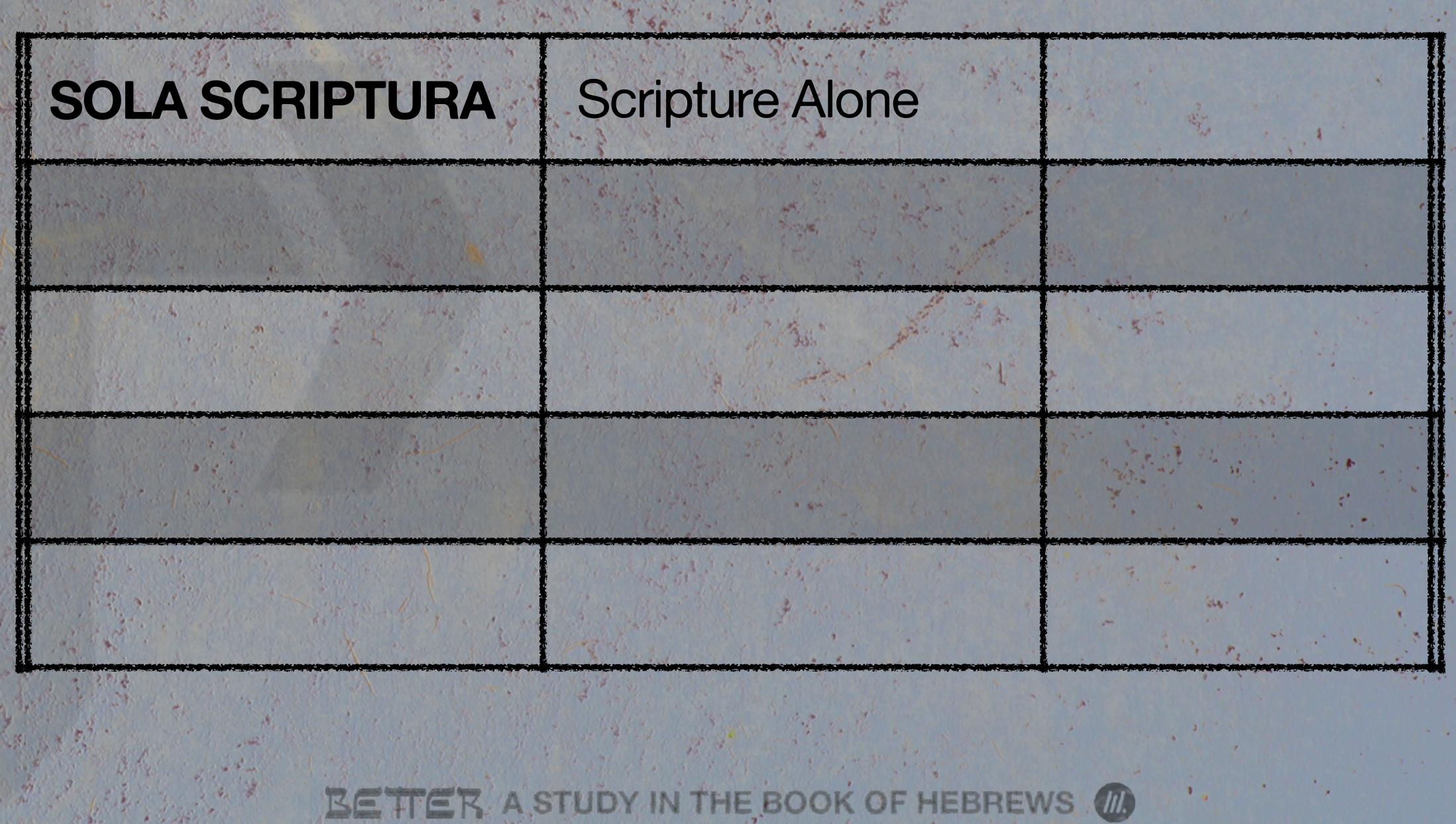
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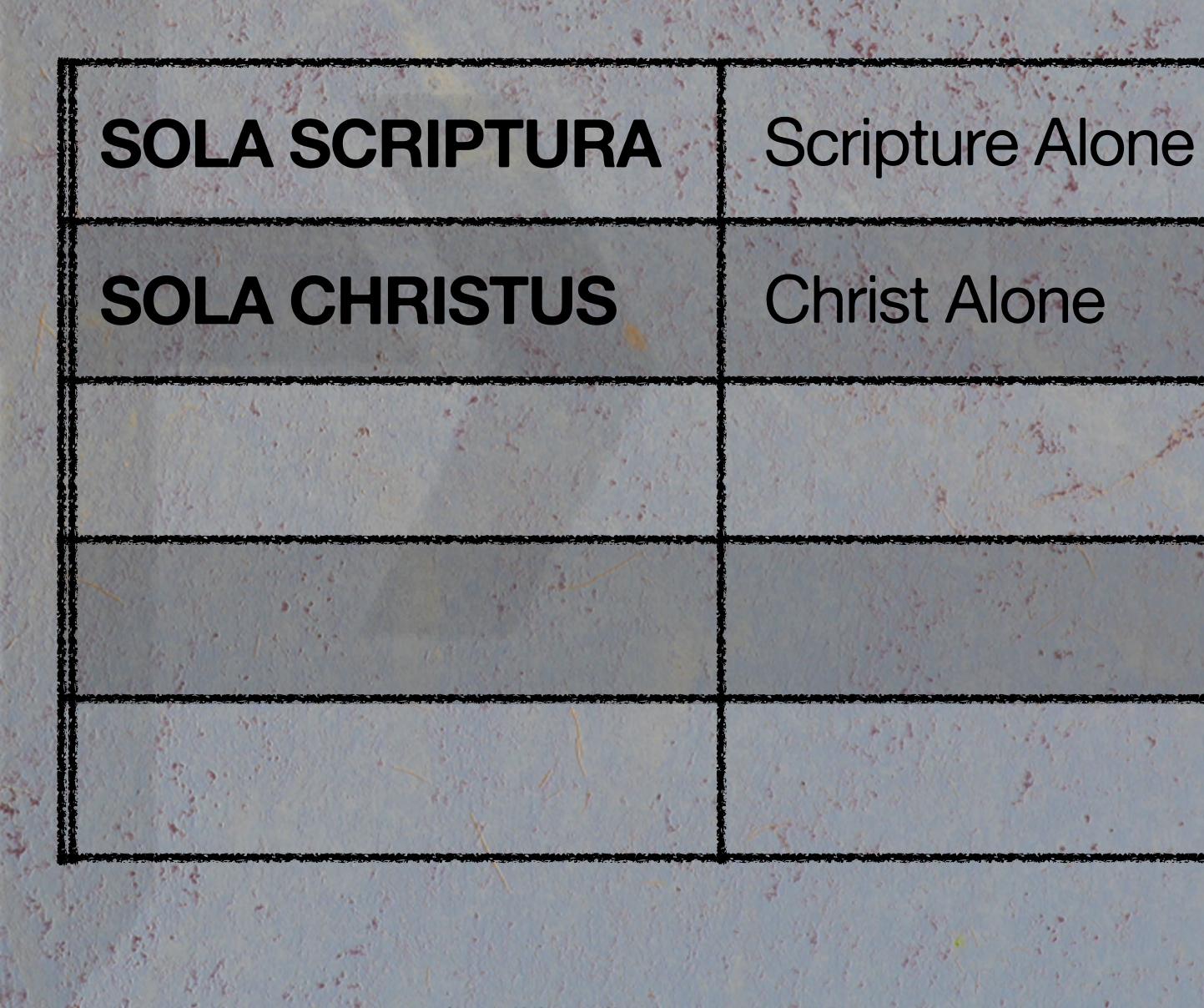
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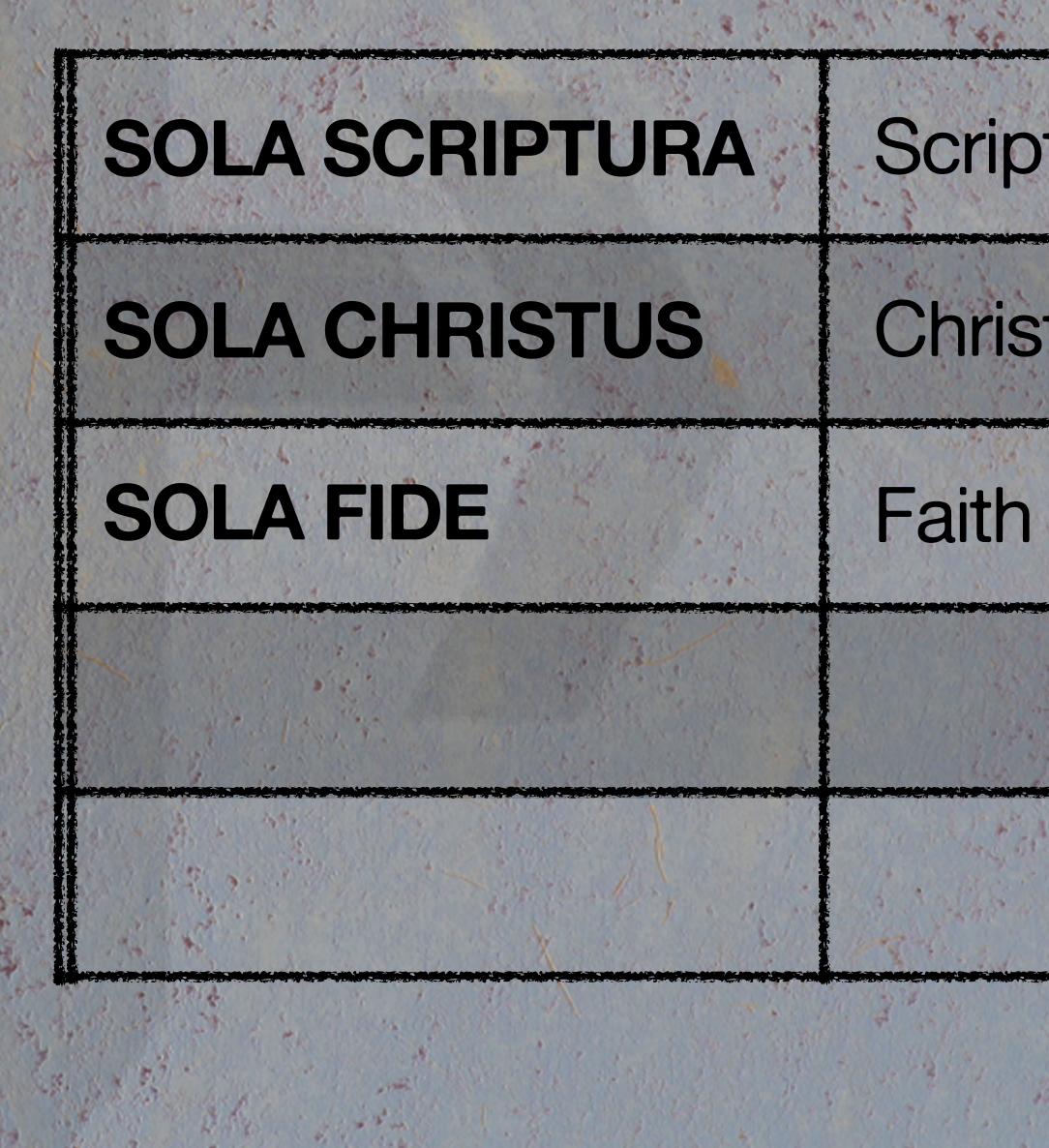






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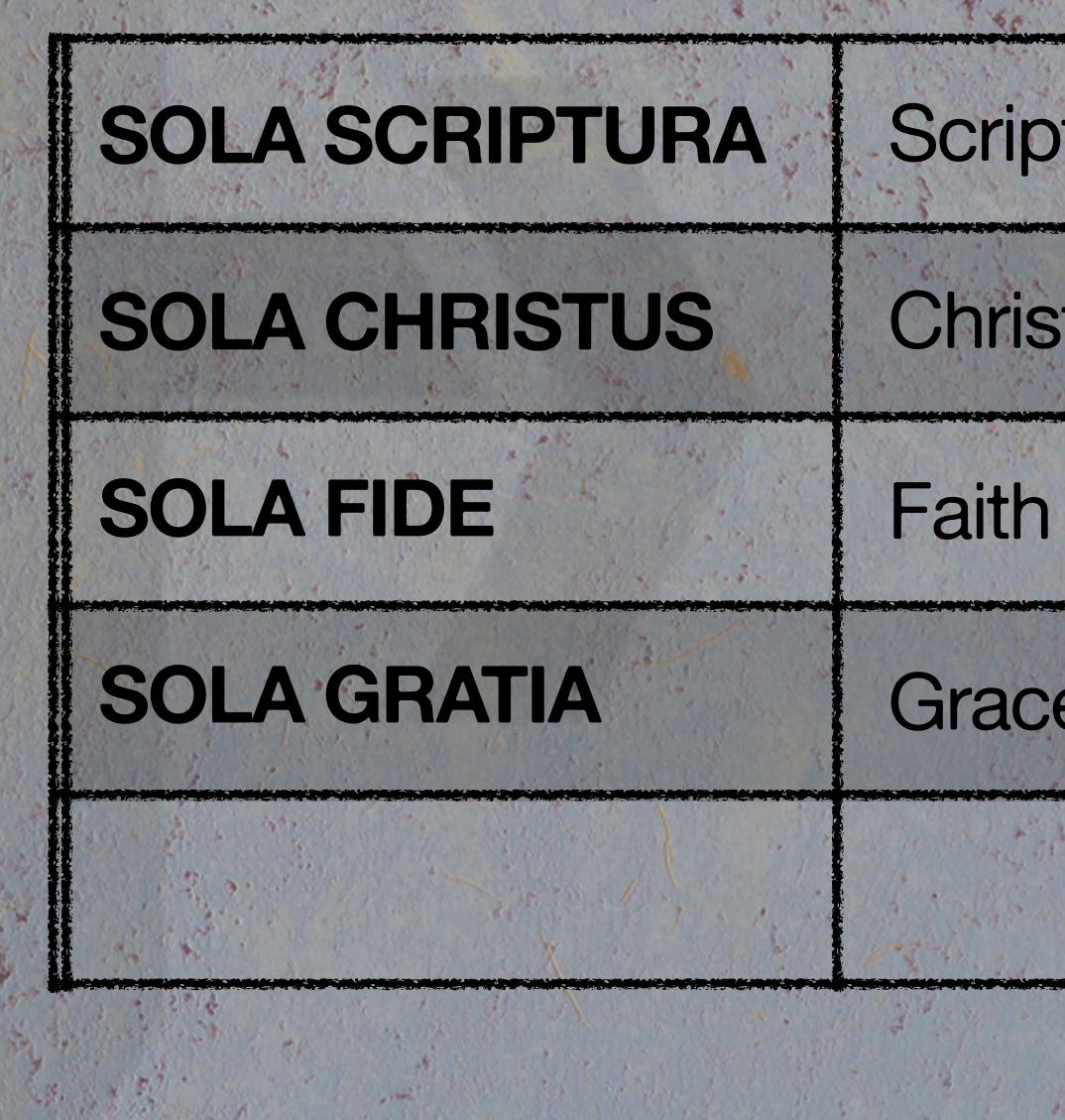


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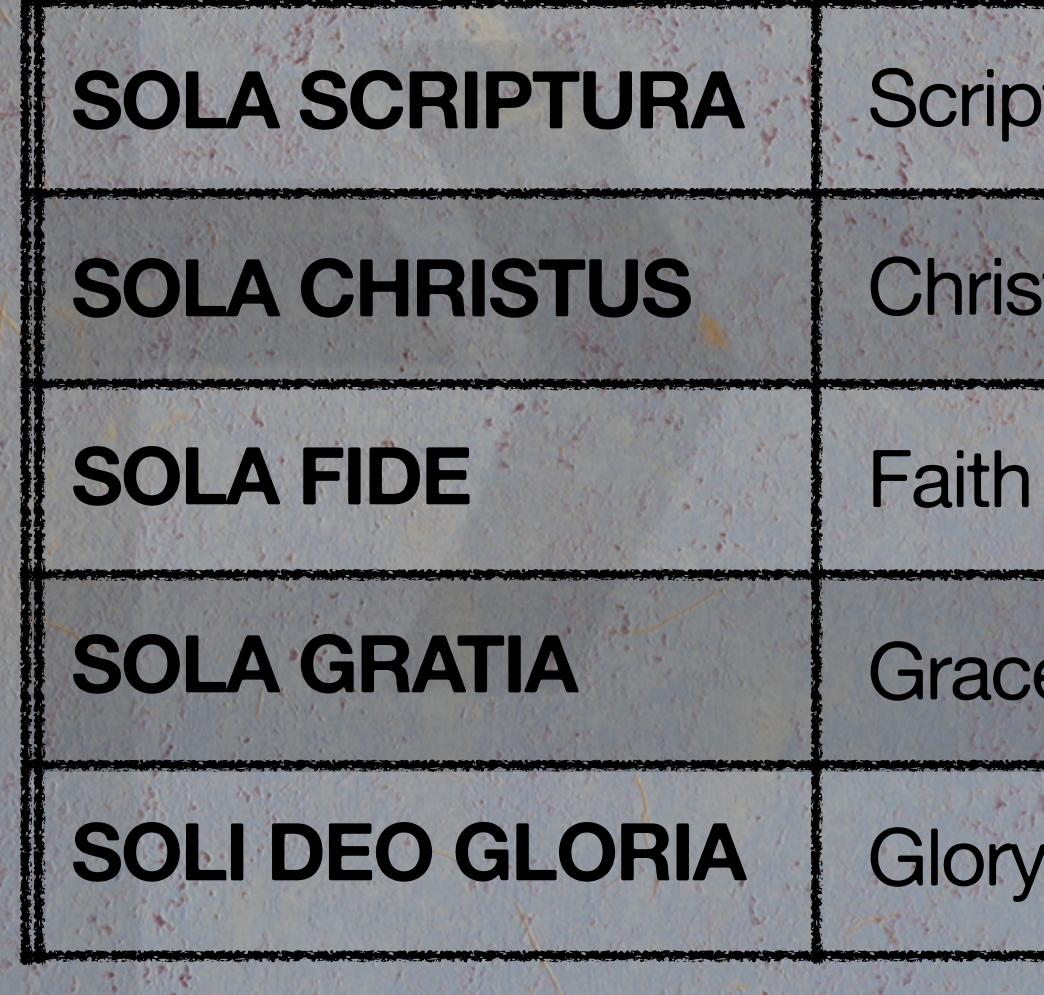
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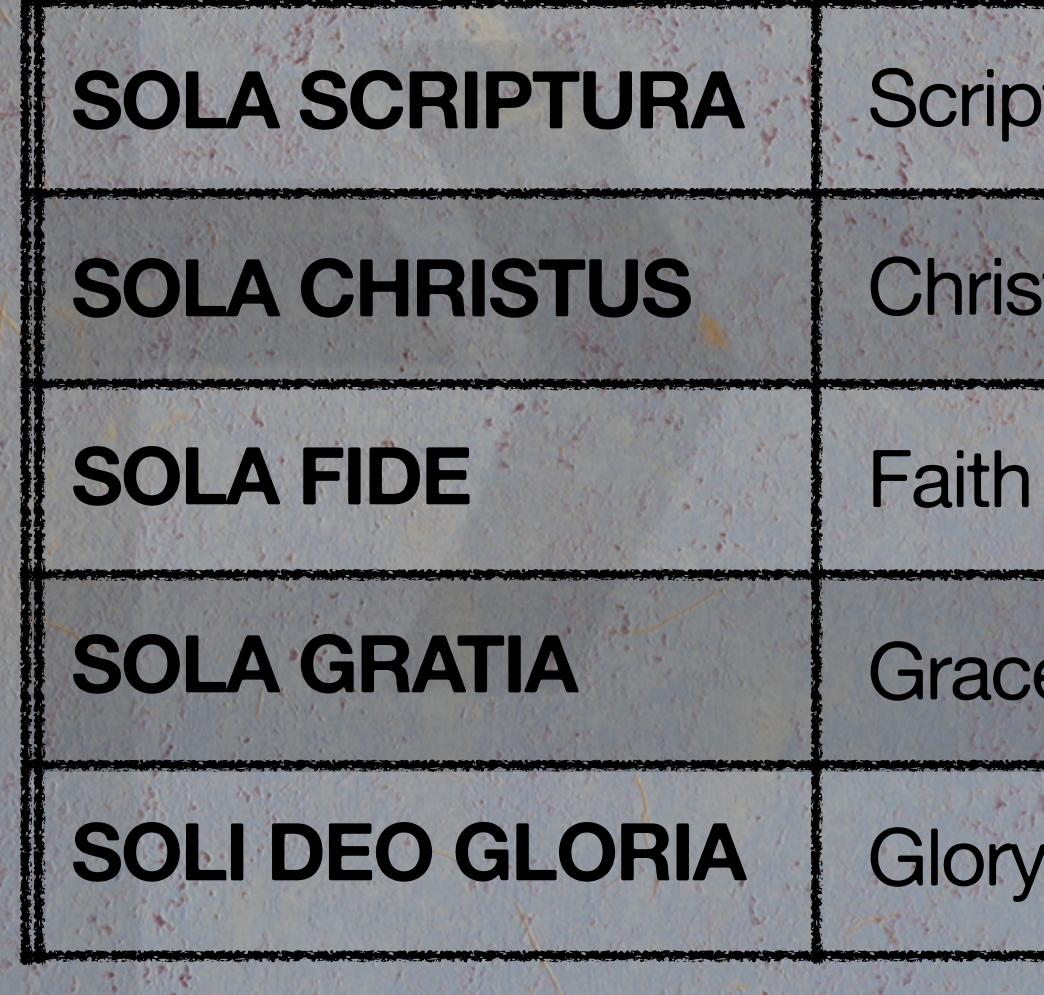
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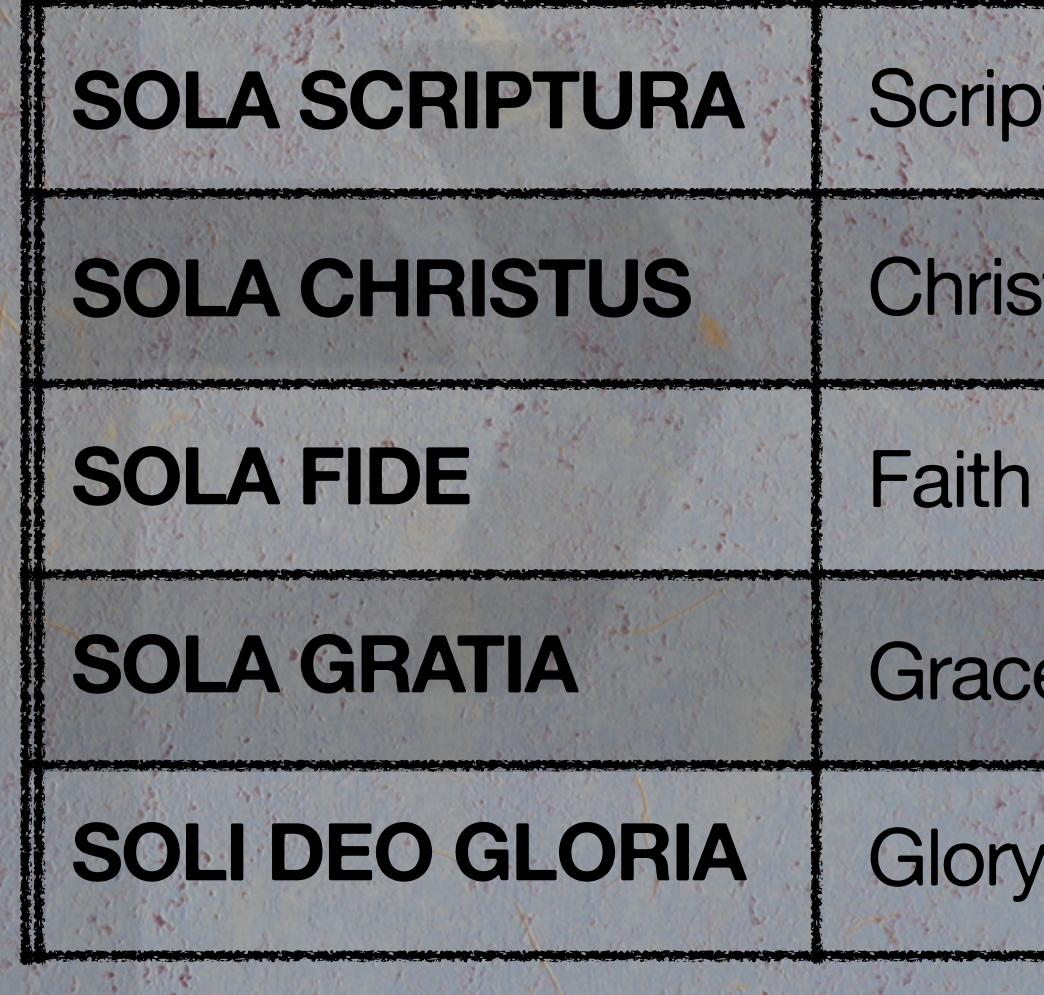
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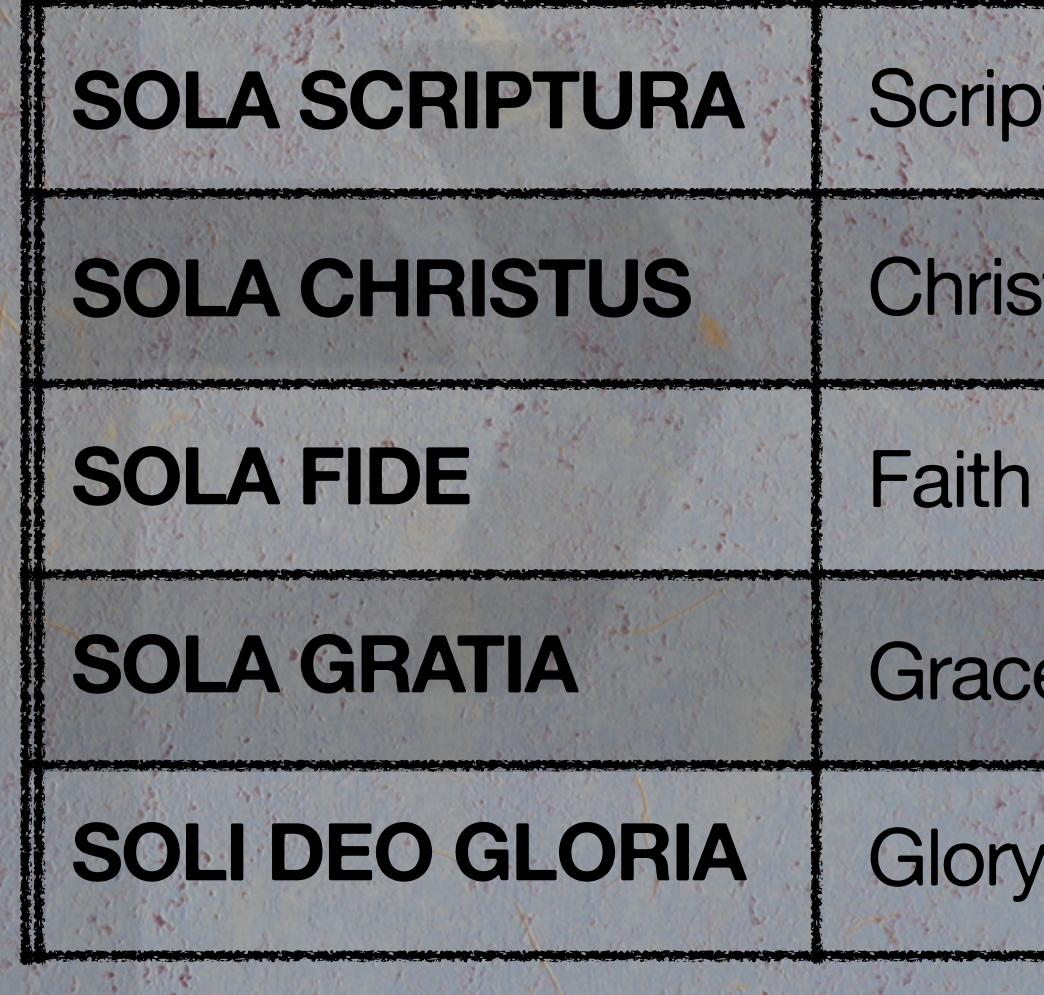
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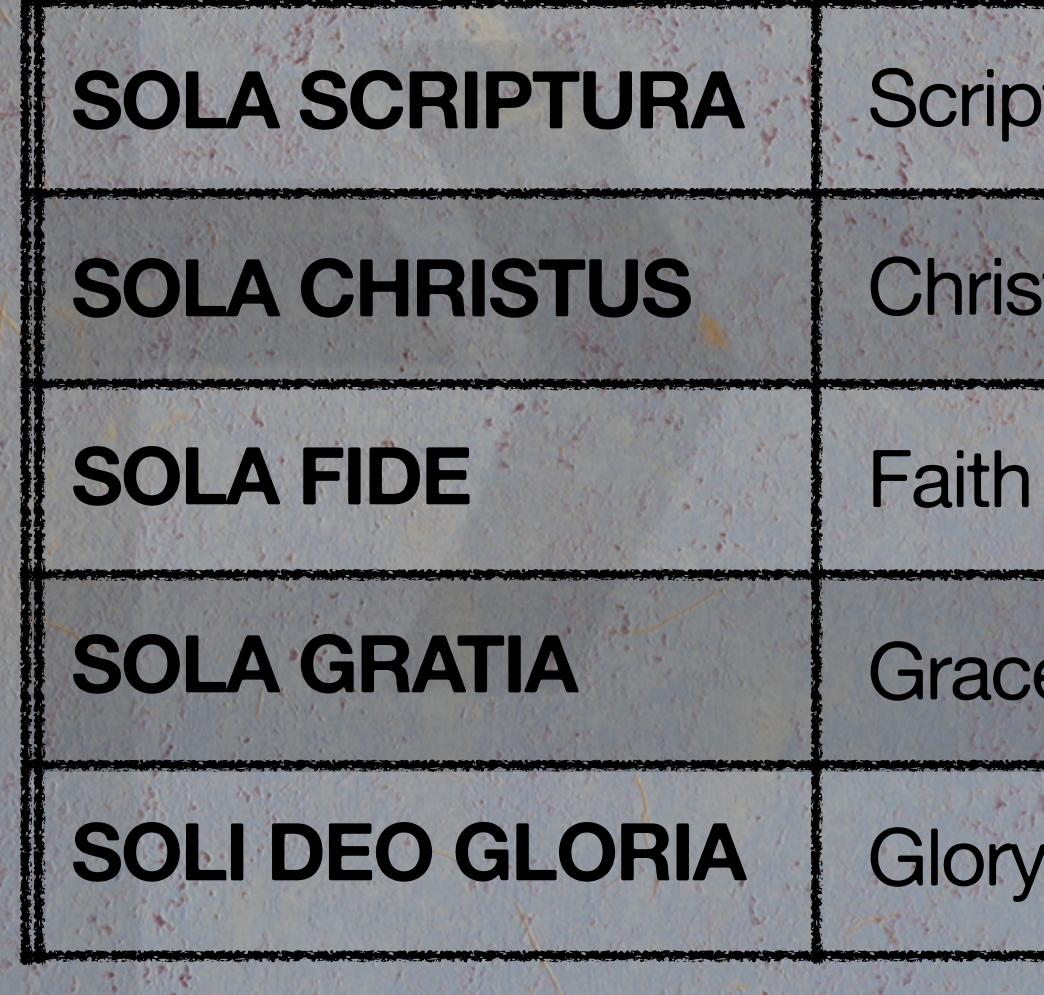


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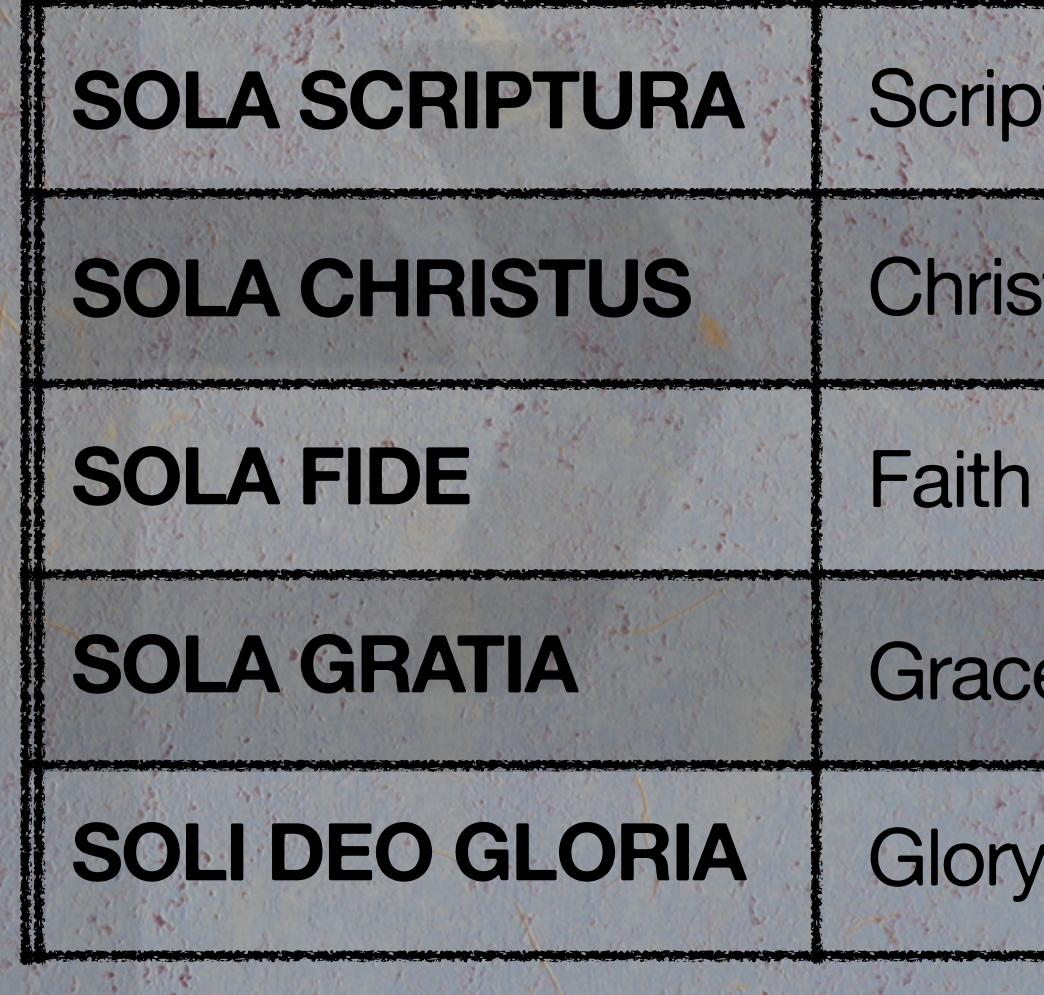
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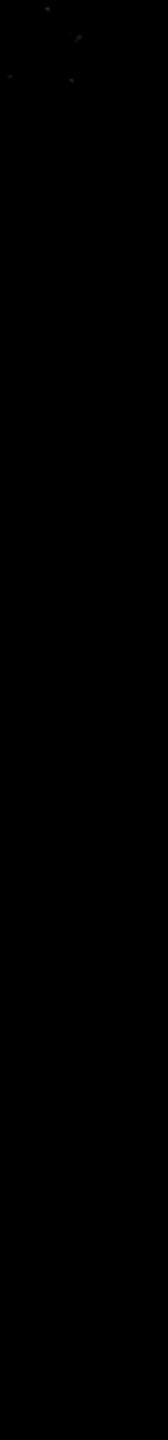
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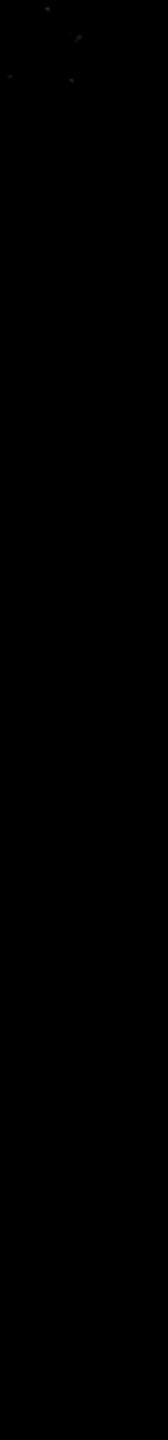
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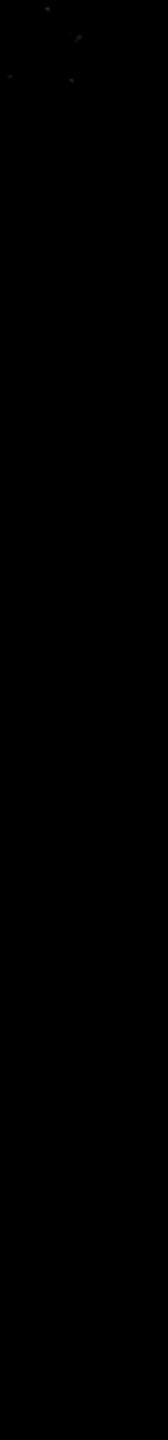
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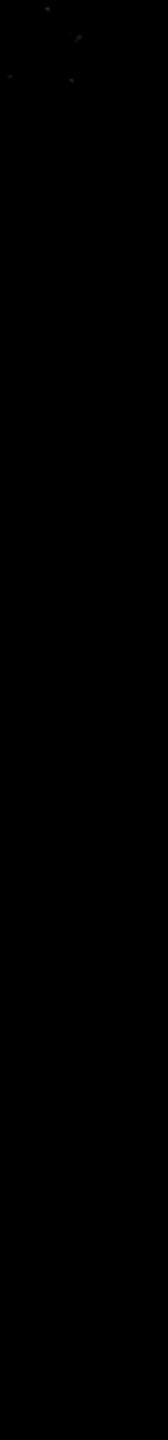
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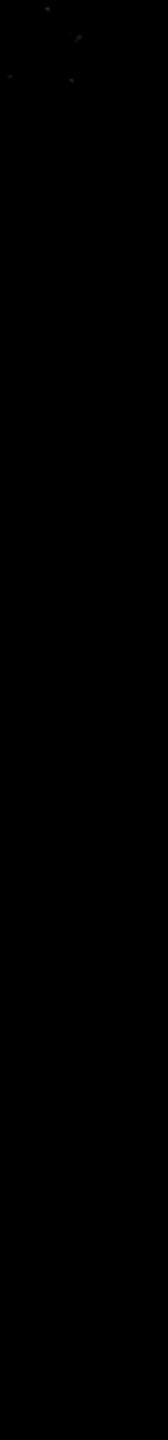
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