In Dr. Philip Schaff's massive HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH..... "Martin Luther, who under God initiated and led that great religious movement that shook the world, once said: 'This I have often said, and now say again, that when I am dead it may be thought of, that men may learn to avoid all teachers as sent and driven by the devil who set up to talk and preach about God simple and sundered from Jesus Christ.

If thou wouldst go straight to God and surely apprehend Him, so as to find in Him mercy and strength, never let thyself be persuaded to seek Him elsewhere than in the Lord Jesus Christ. In Him begin thy art and study, in Him let it abide firm, and where-ever else thy own reason and thinking of any other man's would lead thee, shut thine eyes and say I must not, I will not know any other God than in my Lord Jesus Christ.'"

THESE ARE MIGHTY STRONG WORDS Mr. Preacher!

I ASK YOU: NOT---How big is your God? BUT---<u>How large is your Christ</u>?

Luther said again: "...For elsewhere God is utterly incomprehensible, but comprehensible in the flesh of Christ alone."

It is among the rare excellencies of any Preachers Christology that he fasten an indissoluble bond, as St. Paul has done, between the PERSON of the Redeemer-Saviour and HIS FINISHED WORK....

For these two: THE PERSON and THE OFFICE are an organic unity neither being intelligible to us apart from the other. BOTH are asserted when faith says "our LORD." This I understand to be JEHOVAH-JESUS!

<u>Note</u>: The Grace of God to our sinful world (cosmos) is, in Christianity, connected with THE PERSON and MEDIATORIAL WORK of Jesus Christ. In that "ETERNAL PURPOSE" of God, "which He purposed in Christ Jesus," Ephesians 3:11 is to be sought the presupposition of God's whole dealings with sin from the very first---and, some would say...even of the permission of sin; of His long patience with sin's woeful developments and infinite provocations; (See Acts 17:30) of all forgiveness and blessings bestowed upon the repentent believer.

Christ's claim to be Saviour is absolute. He is NOT A HELP simply to a world in trouble, but the world's only, all-sufficient hope.

Essential in Apostolic Christianity, as providing a divine remedy for human sin, is that SALVATION is not due to man's own efforts or devisings, but springs, IN A TRULY SUPERNATURAL WAY, from God's FREE LOVE AND GRACE.

Christianity is NOT a power that has sprung up out of the hidden depths of man's nature, but has descended from above, when heaven opened itself anew to an alienated peoples...

Jesus was for the Apostles not the consummation of a God-conciousness, labouring up through creation, but the invasive source of forgiveness, new creation and eternal life.

Jesus Christ our LORD, Victorious over all!

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