

Summerlink: Glory Alone

Before we start: Has Summerlink this year been anti-Catholic?
& Is that a good or a bad thing?

Previously on Summerlink...

	This 'alone' affirms... (in <15 words)	This 'alone' denies... e.g. X + what = a problem?	But don't panic, this 'alone' isn't saying...	Glory?
Scripture Alone		'as final authority...' Scripture + Church Tradition Scripture + Reason Scripture + Experience		
Grace Alone			...that you shouldn't try to be good.	
Faith Alone	...that the only means by which we can receive salvation is faith.			
Christ Alone			...that we should sack all the St. Helen's staff.	

Where on this table might the following ideas fit? buying your way out of purgatory; doing good works; asking the saints to intercede for you; making sacrifices to/for God; asking a priest to mediate for you; gradually becoming a better person.

1) Should God get all the glory?

Why do we hate glory seekers?

Is God a glory seeker?

'I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.' Isaiah 42v8

'God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.' 1 Corinthians 1v28,29

'Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name.' Psalm 29v2

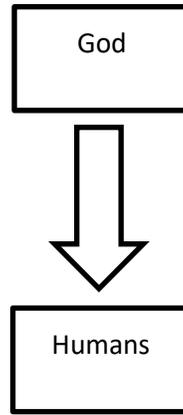
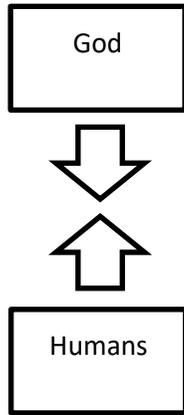
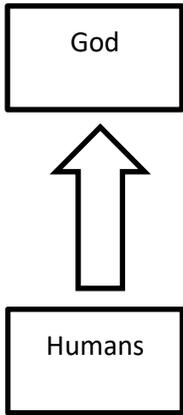
'Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'
Revelation 4v11

'The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth... For although they knew God, they did not honour him as God, or give thanks to him... they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.' Romans 1v18-25

2) Does a Roman Catholic understanding of salvation rob God of his glory?

Go back to the table on page one. Fill in the final column with ways in which God's glory might be at stake on each issue.





Here are three different ways of visualising how a human being becomes good enough to deserve eternal life.

(From left to right)

1) A basically good and capable person makes progress towards God, does enough good, and merits eternal life.

2) God and the human being co-operate. Maybe God gets them started, but enables them to contribute after that. Or maybe the person makes a good start and then God reaches out and generously does the rest.

3) A spiritually dead and incapable person has everything done for them by God

If you died tonight and St. Peter asked, “why should you be let into heaven?” What would you say?

Who do you say well done to?

Ephesians 2v1-10 (p. 1175)

Before:

Motivation:

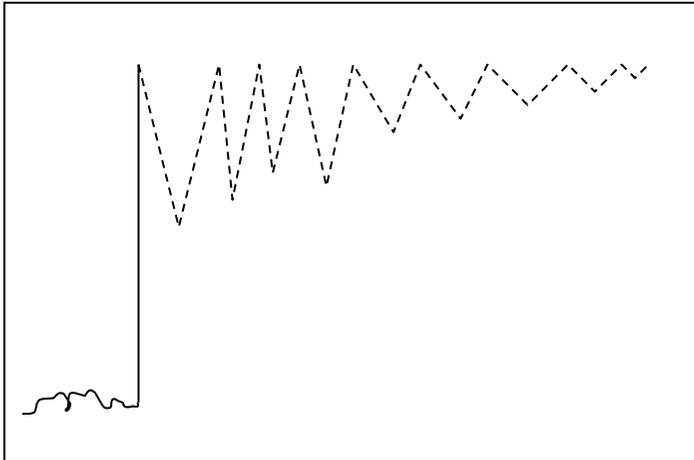
Process:

After:

‘If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come.’ 2 Corinthians 5v17

Who does the Righteousness belong to?

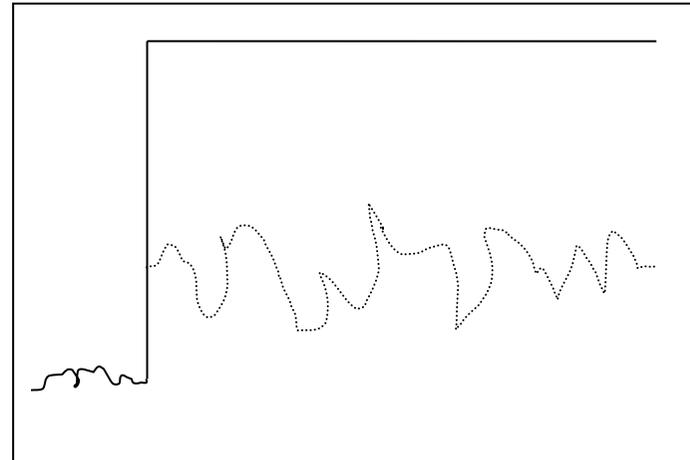
Infused: Righteousness becomes part of the person.



'CANON XXIV.-If any one saith, that the justice received is not preserved and also increased before God through good works; but that the said works are merely the fruits and signs of Justification obtained, but not a cause of the increase thereof; let him be anathema.'

Sixth Session of The Council of Trent (1545-1563)

Imputed: The Righteousness always belongs to Christ



'Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith' Philippians 3v8,9

Conclusion: More humble and more secure