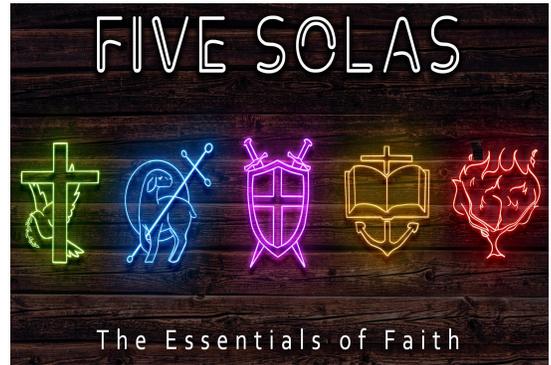


“Five Solas: Sola Scriptura (By Scripture Alone)”

MV: *The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous. 10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. 11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. (Psalm 19:9-11)*



READ: 2 Tim 1:14

Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you--guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us. (2 Tim 1:14)

What is the Reformation? Why the reformation?

Five Solas

- Sola Scriptura _____
- Solus Christus _____
- Sola Gratia _____
- Sola Fide _____
- Soli Deo Gloria _____

What are some different authorities in your life?

What are some benefits of living under those authorities?

So Moses wrote down this law and gave it to the Levitical priests, who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel. 10 Then Moses commanded them: "At the end of every seven years, in the year for canceling debts, during the Festival of Tabernacles, 11 when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God at the place he will choose, you shall read this law before them in their hearing. 12 Assemble the people--men, women and children, and the foreigners residing in your towns--so they can listen and learn to fear the LORD your God and follow carefully all the words of this law. 13 Their children, who do not know this law, must hear it and learn to fear the LORD your God as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess." (Deu 31:9-13)

When Moses finished reciting all these words to all Israel, 46 he said to them, "Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law. 47 They are not just idle words for you--they are your life. By them you will live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess." (Deu 32:45-47)

How important is this?

What does this passage tell us about Scripture? About leadership?

What does this mean for us as followers of Jesus?

ASK: What traditions do we practice? Are they Biblical? Helpful?

1 The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus 2 and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. 3 (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. 4 When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) 5 So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?" 6 He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: " 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. 7 They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.' 8 You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions." 9 And he continued, "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! 10 For Moses said, 'Honor your father and mother,' and, 'Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.' 11 But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God)-- 12 then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. 13 Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that." (Mar 7:1-13)

Timothy 3:14-17

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Tim 3:14-17)

What can scripture do?

What is scripture useful for?

Teaching?

Rebuking?

Correcting?

Training in righteousness?

BEWARE

2 Corinthians 2:17 _____

2 Timothy 4:3-4 _____

Hebrews 5:11-13 _____

Romans 14:1-4, 17 _____

1 Corinthians 13:9, 12 _____

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How valuable is scripture to you? How much time did you spend in it this past week?

How can you improve the quality and quantity of your Scripture reading?

DON'T FORGET YOUR SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES....

These are your small group guidelines, designed to keep your group a safe place to share.

1. Keep your sharing focused on your own thoughts & feelings. Please limit your sharing to 3–5 min.
2. No cross talk, please. Cross talk is when two people engage in a dialogue which excludes all others. Each person is free to express feelings without interruption. Discussion, where appropriate, is welcome.
3. We are here to support one another. We will not attempt to “fix” one another.
4. **Anonymity (secrecy) and confidentiality are basic requirements. What is shared in the group stays in the group! The only exceptions are when someone shares about hurting themselves or others, or being abused. Please trust your leaders to do the right thing with the information shared.**
5. Offensive language has no place in our small group.

WRITE ABOUT IT AND TALK ABOUT IT

1. What are the authorities in your life? What are the benefits of living under them?
2. When do you use scripture the most? Why?
3. Honestly, how valuable is Scripture to you? Explain.
4. How can you improve the quality/quantity of your Scripture reading?
5. Matthew Hebrews 10:24-25

PRAY ABOUT IT

Ask God to help you see the relevance and importance of His Word in everyday life.

Memory Verse: *The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous. 10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. 11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. (Psalm 19:9-11)*