

# THE 5 SOLAS OF THE REFORMATION

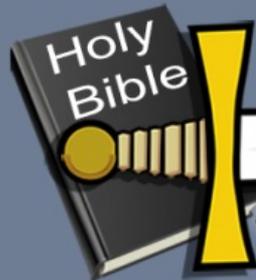
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*Grace Alone*

SOLA FIDE  
*Faith Alone*

SOLUS CHRISTUS  
*Christ Alone*

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*Glory of God Alone*

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*Scripture Alone*

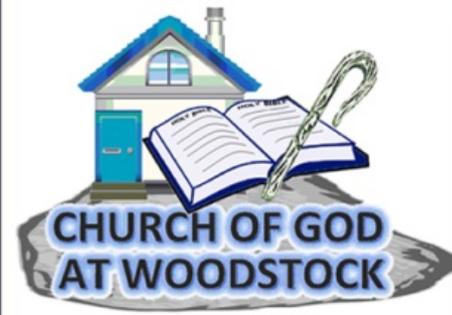


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# THE FIVE SOLAS

- ❖ **Sola Gratia – Grace Alone**
- ❖ **Sola Fide – Faith Alone**
- ❖ **Sola Christus – Christ Alone**
- ❖ **Soli Deo Gloria – For The Glory of God Alone**
- ❖ **Sola Scriptura – Scripture Alone**



# THE FIVE SOLAS

- ❖ “The *five solas* of the Protestant Reformation are a foundational set of Biblical principles held by theologians and clergy to be central to the doctrine of salvation as taught by the Lutheran and Reformed [*Calvinism*] branches of Protestantism.”
- ❖ “Calvinism differs from Lutherans on the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, theories of worship, and the use of God's law for believers, among other *things...the core doctrines are predestination and election*. A basic principle is that *they deny the Catholic teaching...*”



# THE FIVE SOLAS

## ❖ Sola Gratia – Grace Alone

*Grace over Merit*

## ❖ Sola Fide – Faith Alone

*Faith over Works*

## ❖ Sola Christus – Christ Alone

*Mediation of Christ over all other*

## ❖ Soli Deo Gloria – For The Glory of God Alone

*Glory of God over any other*

## ❖ Sola Scriptura – Scripture Alone

*Scripture over Tradition*



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## Ephesians 2:8–10

For by *grace* are ye saved through *faith*; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in *Christ Jesus* unto *good works*, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

## John 15:8

Herein is my *Father glorified*, that ye *bear much fruit*; so shall ye be my disciples.



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## SOLA GRATIA – Grace Alone

# GRACE ALONE



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## SOLA GRATIA – Grace Alone

### Matthew 18:23–27

Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with **compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.**

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## SOLA GRATIA – Grace Alone

**Luke 10:30** And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

**Luke 10:33–35** But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had **compassion** on him, And went to him, and **bound up his wounds**, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and **took care of him**. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, **I will repay thee**.

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## SOLA GRATIA – Grace Alone

### Genesis 1:27–29

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.



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## SOLA GRATIA – Grace Alone

### 1 John 4:19

We love him, because **he first loved us.**

### Romans 5:8–10

But God commendeth **his love toward us**, in that, while **we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.** Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, **we shall be saved by his life.**



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## SOLA GRATIA – Grace Alone

### Psalm 14:2–3

The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are **all gone aside**, they are **all together become filthy**: there is **none that doeth good, no, not one**.

### Romans 3:23

For **all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of God;



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**1 John 2:2** And he is the **propitiation** for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the **sins of the whole world.**

**2 Peter 2:1** But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even **denying the Lord that bought them,** and bring upon themselves **swift destruction.**



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## SOLA GRATIA – Grace Alone

### Genesis 6:8

But Noah **found grace** in the eyes of the LORD.

### Ephesians 2:7–8

That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his **grace** in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For **by grace** are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of God:**



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### Ephesians 1:6–7

To the praise of the glory of his **grace**, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the **riches of his grace**;



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## SOLA FIDE – Faith Alone

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### Hebrews 11:1

Now **faith** is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

### Hebrews 11:6

But without **faith** it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.



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### Romans 4:1–3

What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. For what saith the scripture? Abraham **believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.**



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### Galatians 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, **faith**,

### Romans 3:30

Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by **faith**, and uncircumcision through **faith**.



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### Hebrews 11:32–40 [32-34]

And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: **Who through faith** subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.



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### Hebrews 11:32–40 [35-37]

Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;



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### Hebrews 11:32–40 [38-40]

(Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having **obtained a good report through faith**, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.



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### James 2:17–26 [17-20]

Even so **faith, if it hath not works**, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that **faith without works is dead?**



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### James 2:17–26 [21-24]

Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was **faith made perfect**? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by **faith only**



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### James 2:17–26 [25-26]

Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith without works is dead also.**

### Philippians 2:13

**For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.**



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### Matthew 18:33–35

Shouldst not thou also have had **compassion** on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, **if ye from your hearts** forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.



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### Acts 10:34–35

Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that **God is no respecter of persons**: But in **every nation** he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, **is accepted with him**.

### Romans 4:5

But to him that worketh not, but **believeth on him** that justifieth the ungodly, **his faith** is counted for righteousness.



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### John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.



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## SOLA CHRISTUS – Christ Alone

# CHRIST ALONE



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### Genesis 3:14–15

And the LORD God said unto the serpent,  
Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed  
above all cattle, and above every beast of the  
field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust  
shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will  
put enmity between thee and the woman, and  
between thy seed and **her seed**; it **shall bruise  
thy head**, and thou shalt bruise his heel.



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**1 Chronicles 17:3** And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying,

**1 Chronicles 17:7** Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, even from following the sheep, that thou shouldest be ruler over my people Israel:

**1 Chronicles 17:11–12** And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build me an house, **and I will stablish his throne for ever.**

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**Luke 1:30–33** And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the **Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David**: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob **for ever**; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

**Revelation 13:8** And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain **from the foundation of the world**.

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### 1 Timothy 2:5

For there is one God, and **one mediator between God and men**, the man **Christ Jesus**;

### Hebrews 4:14

Seeing then that we have a **great high priest**, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, **let us hold fast our profession.**



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### Hebrews 10:19–22

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of **Jesus**, By a new and living way, **which he hath consecrated for us**, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a **true heart in full assurance of faith**, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.



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**Acts 4:12**

**Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

**John 14:6**

**Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**



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SOLI DEO GLORIA – For The Glory of God Alone

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**Numbers 14:13–16** And Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear it, (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them;) And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that thou LORD art among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and that thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night. Now if thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the **fame of thee** will speak, saying, Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which he sware unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness.



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## SOLI DEO GLORIA – For The Glory of God Alone

### Numbers 14:21

But as truly as I live, **all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.**

### Matthew 6:13b

...For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and **the glory**, for ever. Amen.



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### Revelation 5:11–12

And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and **glory**, and blessing.



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### Revelation 22:8–9

And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to **worship before the feet of the angel** which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, **See thou do it not**: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: **worship God.**



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### Exodus 20:7

**Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain**; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

### 2 Samuel 12:13–14

And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. Howbeit, because by this deed **thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme**, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.



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## SOLI DEO GLORIA – For The Glory of God Alone

### Romans 2:24

For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

### 1 Corinthians 10:31

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, **do all to the glory of God.**



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## SOLA SCRIPTURA – Scripture Alone

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### Mark 7:8

For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the **tradition of men**, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

### 1 Peter 1:18

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by **tradition from your fathers**;



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### John 5:39

**Search the scriptures**; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

### 2 Timothy 3:16–17

**All scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.



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### 2 Peter 1:19–21

We have also a **more sure word of prophecy**; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the **scripture** is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: **but holy men of God spake** as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.



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## SOLA SCRIPTURA – Scripture Alone

**Written Scripture does NOT contain ALL truth**

- It contains THE Truth (**Jesus Christ**)
- All that is contained within IS Truth – Scripture does not lie nor contradict itself

But it does NOT contain ALL truth.



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### 2 Timothy 3:15

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able **to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.**

How about this one?

*What Scripture defines which writings are to be included in Scripture?*



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### 2 Timothy 2:1–2

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast **heard of me among many witnesses**, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

### 2 Thessalonians 2:15

Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the **traditions** which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.



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### 2 Thessalonians 3:6

Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye **withdraw yourselves** from every brother **that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.**

### 2 Thessalonians 3:14–15

And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and **have no company with him**, that he may be ashamed. Yet count him **not as an enemy**, but admonish him **as a brother.**



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### John 14:25–26

These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the **Comforter**, which is the **Holy Ghost**, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall **teach you all things**, and bring all things **to your remembrance**, whatsoever I have said unto you.



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### Acts 16:6–7

Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were **forbidden of the Holy Ghost** to preach the word in Asia, After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but **the Spirit suffered them not.**

### Acts 10:17

Now while Peter doubted in himself **what this vision** which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,



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**Acts 13:52**

**And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.**



# THE FIVE SOLAS

## SOLAS SUMMARIZED

- ❖ Grace – Gift of God that is available to all
- ❖ Faith – Believe that God is faithful and accept the gift
- ❖ Christ – It is Christ alone who has paid the price and provides the means of salvation
- ❖ Glorify – Glorify Him in all we do – should we not have...
- ❖ Scripture – Use the Word of God as the guide, the standard by which all else is measured



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**It is The Gospel!**



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