



THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

RETRIEVING THE FIVE SOLAS

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INTRODUCTION

WHY BOTHER?

**“500 YEARS AGO IS
ANCIENT HISTORY!”**

**“AREN’T PROTESTANT AND
CATHOLIC JUST FANCY WAYS
OF BASICALLY SAYING THE
SAME THING?”**

**“THE REFORMERS WEREN’T
PERFECT PEOPLE!”**

**“THE REFORMATION WAS DIVISIVE,
SHOULDN'T WE FOCUS ON UNITY?”**

Over the Next 6 Weeks...

- * We owe a debt to those who have come before us, especially those who influenced the Reformation.
- * The heresy that had engulfed the church 500 years ago, is not altogether different than the heresies that would seek to destroy the church today.
- * The doctrines reaffirmed in the Reformation, are in need of being reaffirmed today.

What are the Five Solas?

- * Sola Fide = Faith Alone
- * Sola Gratia = Grace Alone
- * Sola Scriptura = Scripture Alone
- * Solus Christus = Christ Alone
- * Soli Deo Gloria = Glory to God Alone

What are the Five Solas?

- * They are Biblical doctrines that answer some of the biggest questions that a **sinner** might ask?

What are some of those questions?

- * Where Can I Find Salvation?

- In Christ Alone!

- * How Can I be Saved?

- By Grace and Faith Alone in Christ Alone!

- * What authority has governance over my life?

- Scripture Alone!

- * For what purpose do I live my life?

- The Glory of God Alone!

State of the Reformation Today...

- * Today, there are 560 Million “Protestants” Across the globe.
- * 1/3 of all “Christians” would identify as Protestant.

State of the Reformation Today...

- * 52% of American Protestants believe that both Faith and Good Deeds are needed to get into heaven. (81% of U.S. Catholics)
- * Only 46% of American Protestants believe that the Bible provides all necessary religious guidance that Christians need.
- * Which means that 54% believe that church decree, and church tradition are needed in addition to Scripture for spiritual guidance. (75% of U.S. Catholics)

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

**THE CHURCH HAS NOT
ALWAYS FAITHFULLY
PROCLAIMED THE GOSPEL
ARTICULATED IN EPHESIANS 2**

500 Years Ago...

- * The Church had abandoned the Gospel of Faith in Christ Alone, dependent on the Grace of God Alone, with authority vested in the Word of God Alone...
- * Instead, the church was taken captive by a gospel of Faith and Works, dependent on Man's Performance, with an Authority vested primarily in the Bishop of Rome and church tradition, along with the Word of God.

500 Years Later...

- * We are all descendants, not only of the Reformation...
- * But also the Enlightenment...
- * Modernism/Liberalism...
- * and Post-Modernism







Let's Be Clear...

- * According to the Bible, apart from Christ there is not enough good work that you can do to save yourself and earn redemption.
- * The Bible tells us that there is only one name under heaven by which we can be saved, and that name is Jesus. **Apart from Christ, we do stand condemned.** (Acts 4:12)
- * The message of **the Bible is an exclusive message.**

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

**1. WE WERE DEAD IN
OUR SIN**

**2. GOD MADE US ALIVE, BY
GRACE WE HAVE BEEN
SAVED THROUGH FAITH**

**3. IN THE COMING AGES GOD WILL
SHOW THE IMMEASURABLE RICHES
OF HIS GRACE IN KINDNESS
TOWARD US IN CHRIST JESUS**

WHY BOTHER?

**THE REFORMATION STILL
MATTERS, BECAUSE THE
GOSPEL STILL MATTERS**

**AS LONG AS THE WORLD SEEKS TO
POLLUTE AND DILUTE THE GOSPEL OF
JESUS CHRIST, THERE IS ALWAYS NEED
TO REFORM OURSELVES BACK TO THE
SCRIPTURES.**