

THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

RETRIEVING THE FIVE SOLAS

1517-2017

SCRIPTURE ALONE

“WHO SAYS SO?”

**WHO OR WHAT HAS
AUTHORITY OVER YOU?**

II TIMOTHY 3

Why was the Reformation needed?

- * The Catholic church had a “three-legged stool” approach to authority.
- * The legs of the stool included **Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium**

“The promulgation of two decrees,
the first of which enacts, under
anathema, that Scripture and
tradition are to be received and
venerated equally...”

–The Council of Trent, April 8, 1546

“I, I am Tradition, I, I am the
Church.”

–Pope Pius IX, the First Vatican Council (1869-1870)

“The Church does not derive her certainty about all revealed truths from Sacred Scripture alone. Both Sacred Scripture and sacred tradition must be accepted and honored with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence.”

–Vatican II (1962-1965)

- *What happens when the three legs disagree with each other?
- *Or better yet, what happens when decrees are made that are contrary to what the Scripture says?

Why is Reformation still needed today?

- * Protestants are more likely to practice “Solo” Scriptura, which can be just as dangerous as the catholic three-legged stool.
- * Protestants are tempted to elevate our own interpretation of the scripture as the chief authority when it comes to the authority over our Christian lives.
- * Protestants also make it a habit of picking and choosing what parts of the Bible are true and what parts are not.

Do you believe God has spoken?

- * If you don't believe that God spoken, specifically through His Word. Then it is not difficult to speculate as to the endless possibilities of what the Bible might be.

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**1. SIN, IF YOU LET IT,
WILL LEAD YOU ASTRAY**

**2. AVOID SIN, AND AVOID
PEOPLE PRACTICING SIN**

**3. DEVOTE YOURSELF TO THE
SCRIPTURES, AND TO OTHERS
WHO ARE DEVOTED TO THE
SCRIPTURES**

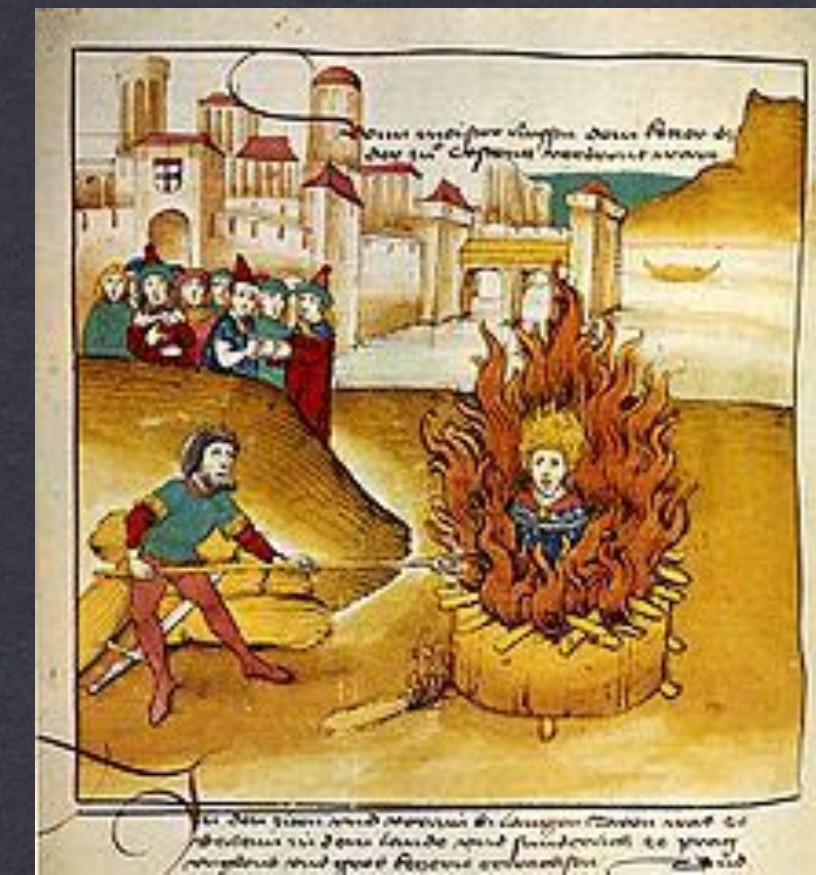
Which means...

- *There are certain things that we pursue, because they are necessary to our growth as a Christian.

- *We gather together, regularly, to sit under the preaching of the Word.
- *We personally spend time in the Word.
- *You engage with others in regards to the time you've spent in the Word, and in regards to the time they've spent in the Word.

“I’d propose that churches become healthy and Christians become vibrant through the same things today as they did in New Testament churches: through evangelizing, preaching, teaching, singing, praying, and discipling one another with God’s Word.”

—*Jonathan Leeman, Word Centered Church*



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