



THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

RETRIEVING THE FIVE SOLAS

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FAITH ALONE

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

I AM A SINNER...

**MY SIN HAS SEPARATED
ME FROM GOD...**

**THE APPROPRIATE PUNISHMENT
FOR MY SIN IS ETERNAL
SEPARATION FROM GOD, IN HELL.**

HOW CAN I BE SAVED?

JUSTIFICATION

FAITH ALONE

500 Years of Faith Alone...

- * There was misunderstanding then, and there is misunderstanding now.

500 Years of Faith Alone...

- * The Medieval church believed that faith was something that was to be constantly developed, by the aid of good works.
- * The Modern church tends to link faith with a corresponding action, which can often result in the action becoming the object of faith.

WHAT IS FAITH?

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- * Faith, as it relates to our knowledge of God, is a gift, given by God.
- * Faith is not something intrinsic to each individual.
- * It is not something to be wielded and placed wherever the person chooses.

“Faith is a firm and certain knowledge of God’s benevolence towards us, founded upon the truth of the freely given promise in Christ both revealed to our minds and sealed upon our hearts through the Holy Spirit.”

–John Calvin

JOHN 11:17-27

ROMANS 3:19-31

Romans 3:19-20

- * The Law has a purpose.
- * The purpose of the Law **IS NOT** to Justify the sinner.
- * Doing works of the Law does not merit righteousness for the sinner.

Romans 3:19-20

- * The Law has a purpose.
- * Its purpose is to stop the mouths of those people under the law, and in so doing, bring knowledge of sin.
- * Thus making the whole world accountable to God.

“The fact is that neither the works which precede nor those which follow justify. How much less the works of the Law!... For we are not made righteous by doing righteous works, but rather we do righteous works by being righteous. Therefore grace alone justifies.”

-Martin Luther, commenting on Romans 3:20

“Luther came to believe that the main purpose of the law was to convict us of our utter helplessness as concerns the project of making ourselves acceptable to God.”

–Kevin Van Hoozer

Romans 3:21-26

- * The “Righteousness of God” has been revealed apart from the Law.
 - Although, the Law and the Prophets do bear witness to the “Righteousness of God.”
- * The “Righteousness of God” that has been revealed is the person Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:21-26

- * God the Father, in a gracious act towards mankind, put forward Jesus as an atoning sacrifice for sin.
- * Through which, sufficient payment was made, by the blood of Jesus, so that God could justly purchase sinners, who have fallen short of the glory of God.
- * All of which, the sinner receives by Faith.

Romans 3:27-31

- * Because we are justified by faith, which we know is a gift from God, and not by works, all opportunity to boast in ourselves is excluded.
- * In addition, it would seem that if justification is by Faith alone and not works of the law, then the law is being overthrown.
- * But, we are told that is not the case at all! Rather, justification by faith fulfills the law.
- * Because, faith ensures that our hope rests in the right place, that being on Jesus Christ.



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