

2. Sola Fide (“faith alone”):
We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.



What Does That Really Mean? -- Reformation

“I will be your God and you will be my people.” Exodus 6:7

3. Sola Gratia (“grace alone”):
We are saved by the grace of God alone.

1st and 2nd Century Church

Dr. Erwin Lutzer says the church in the 1500s could be compared to a garden. Church members believed in some solid doctrines - those were like the plants that needed care. But there were also lots of weeds - false doctrines threatening to choke the truth.

4. Solus Christus (“Christ alone”):
Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.

So why are we talking about the Protestant Reformation?

“We must teach, explain, and defend the gospel in each generation. We must defend the gospel from additions and from subtractions. We must defend it from legalism and from lawlessness.”
Mike C. Watt

5. Soli Deo Gloria (“to the glory of God alone”):
We live for the glory of God alone.

“You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”
Deuteronomy 11:19 ESV

“Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”
(1 Corinthians 10:31)

Does it really Matter?

“Let me put it another way. The Jewish laws were our teacher and guide until Christ came to give us right standing with God through our faith.”
Galatians 3:24 (TLB)

“Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him.” (1 Corinthians 7:17 ESV)

What Was an Animal Sacrifice?

1. The blood was to teach that sin had a cost attached to it.

“Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.”
(Hebrew 9:12 ESV)

2. The sacrifice taught that sin kills

“For the wages of sin is death.” (Romans 6:23 ESV)

3. The sacrifice also showed that by God’s grace, He allowed an animal to die in your place.

“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.” (Leviticus 17:11 ESV)

4. The sacrifice helps people understand what Jesus did on the Cross.

“The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29 ESV)

Satan Lies About Sacrifice

If he can convince you that the Bible is not really the absolute truth or that that sacrifice of Jesus is not that big of a deal, he has done the greatest damage to you he possibly can while you are alive.

Birds of Prey

“And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.” (Genesis 15:11 ESV)

Five Points (Solas) of the Reformation

1. Sola Scriptura (“Scripture alone”):
The Bible alone is our highest authority.

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,” (2 Timothy 3:16 ESV)

“As soon as we take the authority to decide which parts of this Book are right and which ones of them are wrong, which ones fit with our experiences and which ones don’t, then we have thrown the whole picture into question and who is to determine what is right or what might we discover later that would show this Book to be wrong. We undercut the very foundation of the entire Christian system in this picture.” David Platt