

REFORMATION 500

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2 Timothy 3: 14-17; Ephesians 2:8-9

ON OCTOBER 31, 1517 AT HIGH NOON, Martin Luther nailed 95 theses to the door at Wittenberg Castle Church and the Protestant Reformation was launched.

- Luther = R.C.. PRIEST
- Called for the Bible to be PRINTED IN GERMAN
- Protested R.C. tyranny, taxes and CORRUPTION.
Only PRIESTS could read the Bible
People had to keep the SACRAMENTS for salvation.
INDULGENCES were sold to guarantee salvation.
- Struggled with personal ASSURANCE OF SALVATION.
- 5 pillars of Biblical faith:
Sola SCRIPTURA
Sola GRATIA
Sola FIDE
Solus CHRISTUS
Soli DEO GLORIA

SOLA SCRIPTURA- 2 Timothy 3: 15

- The Bible alone is SUFFICIENT to understand, believe and obey for my salvation.
- You need no other AUTHORITY for gaining salvation.
- Other interpretations can help ONLY as they agree with what the Bible TEACHES !
- The Bible totally prepares and equips you to live a life that completely PLEASES GOD

SOLA GRATIA- Ephesians 2: 8 -9

- God's grace in Jesus Christ is COMPLETELY sufficient alone to guarantee your salvation!
- There's NOTHING that can be added to pay for sin.
- What does God want me to do?
 1. ADMIT God hasn't been 1st place and ask Him to forgive your sin.
 2. BELIEVE that Jesus died in your place to pay for your sin and rose again to live with you always.
 3. ACCEPT God's free gift (grace) of salvation...Don't try to earn it!
 4. INVITE Jesus Christ to come into your life and be the controller of your life.

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¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it
¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,
¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Ephesians 2: 8-9

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,
⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.