

**REFORMATION 500**  
**November 26, 2017**

I. Sola Fide (By Faith Alone)

A. Romans 5:1-2

B. The Issue: What makes a Christian right with God?

1. Roman Catholicism: Faith and Works

2. Protestantism: Faith Alone

C. Faith Alone makes us right with God, but works are the defining mark of life of Discipleship (James 2)

D. We are made right with God by faith alone, and no works can make us right.

II. Solus Christus (Through Christ Alone)

A. Acts 4:12

B. The Problem: Who is the Mediator between God and Man?

1. Roman Catholicism: Jesus Christ, but saints, Mary, and the priesthood

can play intervening role

2. Protestantism: Jesus Christ alone

C. Forgiveness and Absolution come only through Jesus, though saints, Mary, and clergy are worthy of honor and respect, they cannot forgive and absolve sins

D. We are forgiven and absolved through Jesus alone, and though people can intercede for us, only Christ forgives.

III. Soli Deo Gloria (To God Alone Be the Glory)

A. Isaiah 43:6-7

B. The Problem: Who is Worthy of Glory and Worship?

1. Roman Catholicism: God alone, but saints, angels, and Mary are worthy of veneration

2. Protestantism: God alone is worthy of glory

C. People, as good as they might be, are not worthy of glory, but God alone.

D. God alone is worthy of veneration, worship, and glory!

**Bible Reading: Romans 5: 1-2;**  
**Acts 4:12; Isaiah 43: 6-7**

**Romans 5: 1-2**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

**Acts 4: 12**

<sup>12</sup> And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men<sup>[a]</sup> by which we must be saved."

**Isaiah 43: 6-7**

<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, Give up,  
and to the south, Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of the earth,  
<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."