

The Order of Worship

Reformation Sunday

Opening Song

Speak, O Lord

Solo Christus "Christ Alone"

As the Reformers recaptured the centrality of God's glory and grace, all of the *solas* find their rationale in Christ—his *exclusive identity* and his *sufficient work*. After all, we only come to know Christ's person and work by God's self-disclosure in Scripture.

Scripture Reading

II Peter 1:16-21

Sola Fide "Faith Alone"

This *sola* is probably the most famous due to the Reformation recapturing the biblical truth that sinners are declared just and righteous before God by faith alone in Christ alone. As Martin Luther correctly reminded us, justification by grace through faith is the doctrine by which the church stands or falls.

Congregational Song

His Mercy is More

Sola Gratia "Grace Alone"

"Grace" is one of the most beautiful words of Scripture and it is central to the Bible's message. Yet to grasp rightly "grace alone" we must first acknowledge that God does not need us and that apart from God's initiative to save, we are hopeless and helpless.

Prayer

Soli Deo Gloria "Glory to God Alone"

This *sola* is the capstone of the other *solas*, connecting God's one purpose for creating this world and humanity in it. As with the other *solas*, it speaks of God first and rightly notes that *he* is the highest object of praise, worship, and devotion. This universe is *his*, and we are made for *him*. The history of the universe is the story of God's self-celebration.

Congregational Song

How Firm a Foundation

Sermon

Sola Scriptura

Prayer Requests

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Announcements

- Nov 2nd Believer's @ the Waymire's Noon
- Nov 14th Farmer's Market
- Nov 21st Homecoming
- Dec 7th Believers @ the Johnson's Noon
- Dec 18th Assemble Fruit Baskets
- Dec 19th Deliver Fruit Baskets
- Dec 19th Christmas Cookie Walk
- Jan 4th Believer's Pot Luck @ Emory
- Jan 16th Chili Lunch (Fundraiser)
- Feb 1st Believers
- Feb 13th Valentine Cookie Cake

Explorer's Bible Study

Outline for Reformation Sunday

II Peter 1:19-21

Today is Reformation Sunday. We celebrate the day Martin Luther nailed his ____ Theses to the door of the Wittenburg Church in Germany. Why the emphasis on the Solas? The Roman Catholic Church in the middle ages had turned _____ and the authority of the _____ into an unbiblical approach to revelation.

Sadly, we've come full circle again regarding Scripture. The evangelical church continues to remove the word ____ from Scriptura. For most, God's Word doesn't appear to be enough or we wouldn't market the church like McDonald's markets Big Macs.

I. The More Sure Prophetic Word

Notice the use of ____ in verse 19. It's different than the ____ of 18. You see, Peter says we possess something better than _____, even better than _____. We have the written _____.

Peter's warning to us is to pay attention to the prophetic word. _____ teachers abound and the way to reject them is to _____ the Word of God. The Word, according to Peter, is a _____, shining in a dark place.

II. The Source of the Prophetic Word

Peter introduces an important doctrinal point here. He wrote "above all" or "most importantly..." Verse 20 has two different possible interpretations 1) No prophecy of

Scripture is a matter of personal interpretation or 2) No prophecy of Scripture ever came about by a prophet's own ideas.

The difference is important. One means that a person has no freedom to interpret Scripture, the other is Scripture didn't originate from the interpretation of a prophet. One stresses the _____ of Scripture, the second, its _____.

A hallmark of the Reformation was the _____ of the believer. Along with the wonderful opportunity to _____ Scripture comes the _____ to interpret it _____. To do it correctly, one must guard his/her interpretation carefully, using the principle of analogia Scriptura (using Scripture to interpret Scripture), consulting good commentaries, reading the confessions of faith, but realizing they don't have authority over us.

Peter speaks to Scripture's source in vs 21: the Holy Spirit of God. Notice the word NEVER. How then? Surely Peter wrote other letters, Paul, the other apostles? They wrote Scripture only when the Holy Spirit filled "their sails." II Timothy 3:16-17.

Were the authors of Scripture Robots?

What's the big deal about Sola Scriptura?