



# 9:00 Live Sunday School at FBJ

## The Five Solas of the Reformation: What are they and why do we care?

**I. The *Five Solas*:** - Scripture alone – faith alone – grace alone – Christ alone – to the glory of God alone

- A. Developed during the Protestant Reformation +/- 1517 – 1648 – Martin Luther to the Peace of Westphalia
- B. The *Five* were not “formally” recognized until 1900s by Reformation/church historians

## **II. Martin Luther and Indulgences**

- A. Roman Catholic Doctrine of Purgatory and Indulgences
- B. Pope Leo X, Holy Roman Emperor, St. Peter’s Basilica and Bishop of Mainz
- C. Castle Church, Wittenberg and Luther: October 31, 1517

## **III. *Sola Scriptura* – Scripture Alone**

- A. The Bible alone is our sole source and is inerrant
- B. Creeds and commentary and traditions are fine as long as they are backed by Scripture
- C. The church is the creation of the Bible; the Bible is primary over the church
- D. The Bible is the living Word of God not just a Book of stories

## **IV. *Sola Gratia* – Grace Alone**

- A. Receiving grace is a supernatural occurrence that can only come from God
- B. It is radical and free and undeserved
- C. Not everyone agrees - Erasmus and Luther on free will/Augustine

## ***V. Sola Fide – Faith Alone***

A. Imputation and not impartation of grace

B. Grace is not imparted to us over time (as medieval church taught) - Faith is all we need –Romans 1:16-17

## ***VI. Sola Christus – Christ Alone***

A. There is no “Jesus PLUS XYZ” -John 14:6

## ***VII. Soli Deo Gloria – For the Glory of God Alone***

***VIII. My “Take Away”*** – Stolen from John Piper: “We are justified before God, by grace alone, on the basis of Christ’s blood on the cross alone, through the means of faith alone, for the glory of God alone as taught through Scripture alone.”

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