



THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

RETRIEVING THE FIVE SOLAS

1517-2017

CHRIST ALONE

WHERE HAVE WE BEEN SO FAR?

- ****Scripture Alone:*** Protestants believe that God has spoken through Scripture. Thus making Scripture THE authority in the life of the Church and the Christian. All other authorities are established and submitted to on the basis of their submission to the Scriptures.
- ****Grace Alone:*** Protestants believe that Man is by nature dead in sin, and thus totally unable to alter that condition through anything found in himself. Which means Protestants believe, in order to be saved, what is necessary is an act of unmerited favor performed on their behalf by the work of another.

JEREMIAH 31:31-35

JOHN 12:20-26

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- *Who is Jesus Christ?
- *What is Jesus Christ's relationship to the Christian and the Church?
- *How can a Christian identify the true Church?

- *What do the Scriptures say has been done on behalf of mankind?
- *Is what has been done sufficient to remedy the problem of sin and death?

500 Years Ago There Was Confusion

- * Thesis 32: They will be condemned eternally, together with their teachers, who believe themselves sure of their salvation because they have letters of pardon.
- * Thesis 33: Men must be on their guard against those who say that the pope's pardons are that inestimable gift of God by which man is reconciled to him.

500 Years Ago There Was Confusion

- * In addition to the promotion of relics and indulgences as means of grace. There was much discussion about church practices and how they diminished the work of Jesus Christ.
- * Specifically, the Lord's Supper or the Mass.

Relics and Indulgences

- ✱ The Council of Trent (1545-1563) declared that the veneration of relics, the saints, sacred images are integral components to Christian worship.

The Lord's Supper/The Mass

- ✱ The Council of Trent (1545-1563) declared that the Mass serves as an ongoing sacrifice serving a propitiatory purpose for both the living and the dead.

500 Years Later there is still confusion...

- * Today the tendency is not to add to the work of Christ, although that still happens, but rather to diminish the necessity of Jesus' work.
- * Christ's death is not viewed as something that has salvific power, but rather as the culmination of a life to be emulated.

JOHN 12:20-26

HEBREWS 9:1-17;24-28

Hebrews 9:11-12

- * Christ...
- * once and for all...
- * by His own blood...
- * has entered into the holy places securing our redemption.

Hebrews 9:13-14

- * Christ...
- * without blemish...
- * offered Himself to God...
- * to purify **our** conscience from dead works...
- * so that we can serve the living God.

Hebrews 9:15-17

- * Christ...
- * is the mediator of the new covenant...
- * because He died...
- * those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance...
- * and be redeemed from their transgressions!

Hebrews 9:26b-28

- * Christ...
- * appeared once for all...
- * to put away sin...
- * by the sacrifice of himself...
- * He will appear again...
- * To Save those who are waiting for Him!



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