

# Scripture Alone

1 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

2 PETER 1:16-21

# "THE 5 SOLAS"

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Salvation By Grace Alone  
Through Faith Alone  
In Christ Alone  
According To Scripture Alone  
To The Glory Of God Alone

SALVATION BY GRACE ALONE  
THROUGH FAITH ALONE

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*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.*

*-Ephesians 2:8-9*



*Sola Gratia  
Sola Fide*

# Sola Scriptura

SCRIPTURE ALONE  
(SOLA SCRIPTURA)

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**Scripture alone is the final  
authority for the church.**

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SCRIPTURE (BIBLE) IS...

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## ΘΕΌΠΝΕΥΣΤΟΣ

God-Breathed ("Theopneustos")

- Inspired (verbal, plenary inspiration)
- Inerrant (without error)
- Authoritative (God's Word)
- Accurate (God's self-revelation)



Every word in the Bible is given by God (verbal)

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Every word in the Bible is authoritative and complete (plenary)

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Every word is also divinely directed (inspired)

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## Verbal Plenary Inspiration

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# SCRIPTURE IS PROFITABLE FOR...

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- Teaching (doctrine, right belief)
- Reproof (confrontation of sin or error)
- Correction (correction of sin and error)
- Training in righteousness (becoming like Christ)

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# SO THAT THE MAN/WOMAN OF GOD MAY BE...

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- Complete (lacking nothing)
- Equipped for every good work (everything you need for ministry)

SCRIPTURE IS SUFFICIENT, PROVIDING  
ALL WE NEED TO KNOW GOD.

# CHARACTERISTICS OF SCRIPTURE

- Scripture is unified in its message: Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration
- It focuses on the person and work of Christ to redeem and restore God's people.
- It always communicates salvation by grace alone through faith alone, for the glory of God alone.
- (Any teaching that deviates from revealed Scripture is false teaching.)



## 2 PETER 1:16-21

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And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## THE FOCUS OF SCRIPTURE

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The focus of Scripture is the grace and knowledge of Christ for God's glory. Don't deviate from that.

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*  
*-2Peter 3:18*

# ERRORS TO AVOID

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- **New Apostolic Reformation** believes in modern day “super-apostles” that give new revelation and are not to be questioned in authority.
- **Catechism of the Catholic Church** (Paragraph 44) “Both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honored with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence.” (See Mark 7:9 for contrast)
- **Word Faith** (“health and wealth”) focuses on your power, your words to manifest things that you want. Every good work (everything you need for ministry work)

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- **Emotionalism/experientialism** focuses on “feeling God”. Practices include emotive worship over doctrinal or scriptural lyrics. How one feels about a doctrine trumps what God has said.
- **Self-help teaching** (ex., “girl wash your face”) focuses on principles of self-improvement to achieve one’s goals over the Gospel.
- **Liberalism (theological)** focuses on the reigning, contemporary opinion of academia over revealed Scripture. Liberalism begins with the assumption that Scripture cannot be accurate and subsequently seeks to reinterpret every passage according to modern, “scientific” opinions or according to the personal opinion of the reader.

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