Rejoicing in Reform
John Calvin: Sola Scriptura, Tota Scriptura
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Sola Scriptura	The _____ alone reveals the truth of salvation
Sola Fide	By _____ alone we receive God's great gift
Sola Gratia	Only by His _____ we are pardoned
Sola Christus	In _____ alone we put our trust
Sola Deo Gloria	The _____ of our salvation all goes to God

John Calvin's impact on the reformation was wide spread, but one of his greatest contributions would be in the sphere of sola scriptura.

John Calvin's early years:
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The Institutes of the Christian Religion is a _____ explanation of reformation doctrine as it flowed from God's Word.
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Approaching theology systematically can be seen as controversial because:

- It forces you to answer questions you'd rather leave _____**.**

- It points out _____ in interpretation and urges us to decide what to do with them.

- It requires _____ _____ and diligent study to guard against contradiction and misinterpretation.

"Everyone has a systematic theology—that is, a set of beliefs about who God is and how we are to relate to him. The only question is, is your systematic theology _____ or _____?" **- D.A. Carson**

2 Timothy 3:16-17 – Why approaching theology systematically is valuable, despite its difficulties:

- It acknowledges the unity and consistency of God's Word, and causes us to address topics with the _____ _____ of scripture.

Sola **Scriptura**	The _____ alone reveals the truth of salvation
Tota **Scriptura**	_____ of scripture enlightens our understanding of truth

- It helps us guard ourselves against our personal _____

- You are less apt to _____ a God who is a stranger to you.

John Calvin in Geneva:
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The Institutes of the Christian Religion served the Reformation in three primary ways:

1. They helped _____ the reformation

2. They helped _____ the reformation

3. They helped _____ those who wanted reform