

The Five Solas: An Introduction

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Not all innovation leads to improvement. What are some of the dangers of tinkering with or adding to the doctrine of salvation?

The Five ‘Solas’ of the Protestant Reformation:

Scripture alone - Sola Scriptura

Grace alone - Sola Gratia

Faith alone - Sola Fide

Christ alone - Solus Christus

To the glory of God alone - Soli Deo Gloria

The word ‘Sola’ means _____, or _____, and each of these statements sought to return the church to its theological foundations.

Historical Context: What were some of the additions and innovations that needed correcting during the time of the Protestant Reformation?

(These are still a concern in Roman Catholic doctrine – see ‘the Council of Trent’)

The 5 Solas do NOT just define a _____. Rather, these fundamental statements are essential to the one and only way that a man must be saved.

In Ecclesiastes 12:11-12, Solomon the Preacher affirms that God’s Words are trustworthy and firm, and warns that going _____ them puts us in danger.

Here is a humbling reality that we should admit to ourselves: man _____ to go beyond.

It is a product of the fall of mankind that we have an innate desire to leave the security of what God has lined out for us, in an attempt to discover more, to attain a blessing that is somehow better. (see Romans 1:21-23)

Solomon describes the words of God in two ways:

1. They are from the _____

2. They are _____

Principle: God _____ what His people need.

If God is not providing it, His people don't need it.

What does it mean to 'go beyond' the words of the Shepherd?

1. To _____ beyond

2. To _____ beyond

3. To _____ beyond

4. To _____ beyond

We cannot _____ to the Solas. They are not the only things, but they are the fundamental things. We must not try to make more than this essential to salvation.

We cannot _____ from the Solas. They are not something we move on from in the pursuit of deeper, more complicated truths. We cannot hope to understand the deeper, more complicated truths of the faith if we have strayed from the foundation of the Solas.