

THE 5 SOLAS  
OF THE  
REFORMATION

October 31, 1517  
Martin Luther  
nailed his  
“95 Theses”  
on the door of the  
Catholic Church  
in Wittenburg,  
sparking the  
Reformation!



Sola scriptura

*Sola gratia*

Sola fide

*Solus Christus*

Soli Deo gloria

## THE 5 “SOLAS” ...

- SOLA SCRIPTURA: Only Scripture!
- SOLUS CHRISTUS: Only Christ!
- SOLA GRATIA: Only by Grace!
- SOLA FIDE: Only by Faith!

“Faith” means  
to BELIEVE something  
as being true!

It is an “action”  
(of the mind/heart)  
and it has content!

“Justification” refers to when  
God declares the sinner  
righteous in His sight.

We are justified...

declared righteous before God...

on the basis of **faith alone...Sola Fide...**

in Jesus Christ alone!

## The Fact of Justification by Faith: Romans 3:21-4:25

- We are declared righteous on the basis of faith in Jesus Christ!, 22, 26, 28!
- We receive the gift of justification, by faith in Jesus Christ, 24.
- We receive redemption by faith in Jesus Christ, 24
- We receive His propitiation by faith in Jesus Christ, 25.

## The Fact of Justification by Faith: Romans 3:21-4:25

- Abraham was justified by faith!, 4:1-3.
  - ✓ Abraham received justification apart from circumcision, 4:9-12; cf. 3:30
  - ✓ Abraham received justification apart from the Law, 4:12-15.
  - ✓ Abraham's faith was in the promises of God, 4:19-21.
  - ✓ Abraham's faith was recorded so what we would understand justification by faith, 22-25



## The Fact of Justification by Faith: Romans 3:21-4:25

- Faith is credited as righteousness, apart from works or godliness, 4:4-5.
- David was justified by faith, 4:6-8.
- Justification by grace through faith gives eternal security!, 4:16.

Justification by grace through faith allows the promise to be guaranteed to those who believe, 4:16.

# The CONTENT of the Faith that Justifies: I Corinthians 15:3-5

## 1. Christ died for our sins, 3

- ✓ According to the Scriptures (Biblical proof)
- ✓ He was buried, 4 (Practical proof)

## 2. Christ was raised on the third day, 4

- ✓ According to the Scriptures (Biblical proof)
- ✓ He was buried (Practical proof)

## Other terminology the Bible uses:

- Believing the Gospel, Romans 1:16; Eph. 1:13
- Believing on Jesus/Believing in Jesus, John 11:25-26; 12:44, 46.
- Receiving Jesus, John 1:12
- Believing on His Name, John 1:12; I John 5:13.

Therefore, you are NOT saved or justified by...

- Doing Good Works, Eph. 2:8-9
- Some Combination of Faith Plus Works, Romans 4:5
- Being “Religious” or “spiritual” or joining a church.
- Participating in “sacraments” that “count” toward being saved.
- Ceremonies or rituals.
- Praying a prayer

Therefore, you are NOT saved or justified by...

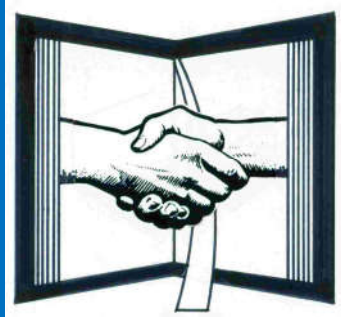
- Asking Jesus into your heart



Therefore, you are NOT saved or justified by...

- Asking Jesus into your heart.
- Making Jesus the Lord of your Life!
- Giving or Committing your life to Jesus.

At this 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of the reformation,  
which reaffirmed the truth  
of **justification by faith alone**,  
let us reaffirm accurate  
and careful terminology  
in presenting the gospel!



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