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# Tetzel's Box:



“As soon as the coin in the coffer rings,  
The soul from Purgatory springs!”

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Which lead to...

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

# *Sola Scriptura...*

Instead of...

- Papal decrees!
- Pronouncements of Church Councils!
- Church Traditions!
- Humanistic philosophy!

# *Sola Scriptura...from 2 Timothy*

## The Need for Sola Scriptura...

- False teachers, 2:16-18
- Needless quarrels, 2:23
- Difficult times!, 3:1-8

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## The Power of Sola Scriptura...

- Power to work in spite of imprisonment, 2:8-9.
- Power to lead to wisdom, 3:15.
- Power to lead to salvation, 3:15.



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The Profit of Sola Scriptura, 3:16...

- Teaching (Doctrine!).
- Reproof.
- Correction.
- Training in righteousness.

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The Purpose of Sola Scriptura, 3:17...

- Adequacy!
- Equipping for every good work.

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## The Prescription for Sola Scriptura...

- Retain the standard of sound words, 1:13!
- Guard the treasure entrusted to you, 1:14.
- Disciple others in it, 2:2.
- Handle it accurately, 2:15.
- Preach it!, 4:1-2.

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The Rejection of Sola Scriptura, 4:3-4.

The Reaffirmation of Sola Scriptura, 4:5.



# Martin Luther At the Diet of Worms, April, 1521

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by the testimony of Scripture or by clear reason  
(for I trust neither pope nor council alone,  
since it is well known that they have often erred  
and contradicted themselves),  
I am bound by the Scriptures I have cited,  
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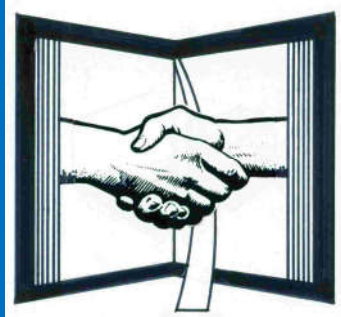
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