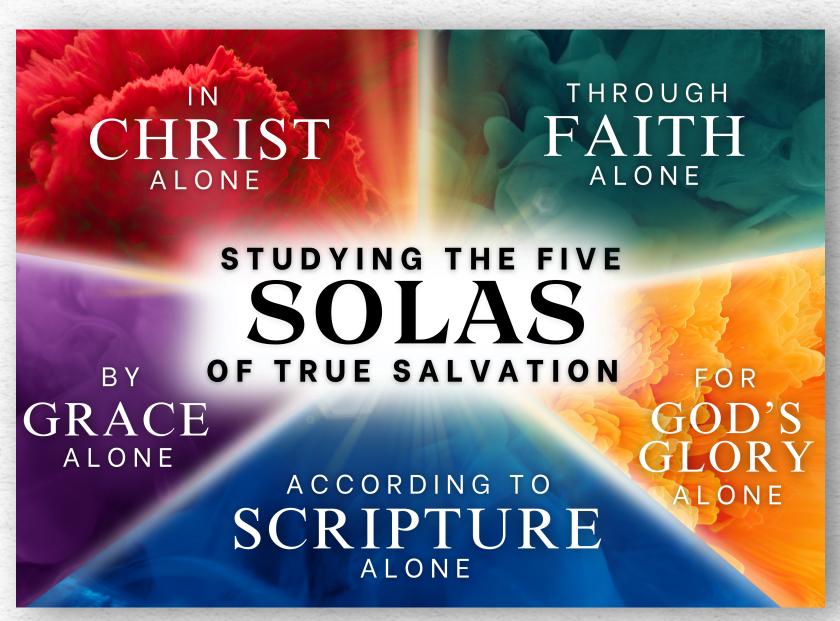


SOLI DEO GLORIA

- Welcome to the final of the 5 Solas 'Soli Deo Gloria,' For God's Glory Alone.
- The Reformers challenged or Protested the teaching and practices of the Catholic Church in the 15th Century.
- The challenge is relevant for us today!
- The emphasis on God's Glory was due to the Catholic's
 - Reliance on human works. (We do too)
 - Deification of the Popes. (Nah, we don't do that!)
 - Overemphasis on afterlife. (We do this big time.)



TO THE PRAISE OF GOD'S GLORY

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

- Glory, in reference to God, means divine splendor, honor, power and visible radiance.
- The verb is used to commend, the noun is what causes the commendation.
- Praising God's Glory is the celebration of the various aspects of God's perfect character and awesome deeds.
- "God's glory is God's purpose."



WE ARE SAVED FOR THE PRAISE OF GOD'S GLORY!

- 1:6 This is a salvation statement in a salvation section. #calling
- Blessed in Christ, chosen in Christ, and adopted by Christ are wonderful expressions of salvation and sanctification.
- Praising God's Glory is the purpose or intent of the salvation.

WE ARE SAVED FOR THE PRAISE OF GOD'S GLORY!

- While other factors are involved, God's glory is the end result.
- Our salvation, as wondrous and dynamic as it is, is a by-product of God's purpose to be glorified.
 #Humbling!

WE ARE MADE FOR THE PRAISE OF GOD'S GLORY!

- 1:12 "That we should be" is existence, being.
- The reason for our creation is that God be Glorified. #ImagoDei
- This is a humbling but empowering perspective Psa. 24:1, 115:1 and Col. 1:16.

WE ARE MADE FOR THE PRAISE OF GOD'S GLORY!

- Our agenda, plans, essence, freedoms and rights are shaped by this truth. #parenting
- God is commended, seen as worthy, celebrated, applauded by his created things and beings functioning in his will.

WE WILL BE RAISED FOR THE PRAISE OF GOD'S GLORY!

- 1:13-14 points to our ultimate hope, the conclusion of our faith journey.
- It is a secure, confident statement of God redeeming His purchased possession - believers!
- When we get to heaven, God's glory will be praised.
- Rightly so, since it will not be by merit or human achievement. #GraceAlone



ALTER CALL!

- You were made, saved and will be raised for the praise of God's Glory.
- Not your's.
- God's Glory is God's purpose! It should shape our doctrine, activity, agenda and personhood.



ALTER CALL!

 Obeying the Gospel is a clear indication of your will to glorify God through your life.

 Reordering one's life to Glorify God is worthy of much prayer.