

Outline

Title: Sola Scriptura

Theme: The Scriptures provide satisfaction for the Christians soul.

I. Introduction

- I. Sola Scriptura is a doctrine that originated during the time of the Reformation (1515-1648).
- II. The doctrine literally means “Scripture alone.”
- III. The doctrine has four points:
 - I. The Scriptures are the supreme authority of God.
 - II. The Scriptures are straightforward. The Scriptures are significant because they teach us how to find salvation.
 - III. The Scriptures are sufficient for living a life of complete satisfaction.

II. The Scriptures are the supreme authority of God.

- A. 2 Tim. 3:16-17
 1. God has inspired man to record his words into what is called the Scriptures.
 2. Therefore, the Scriptures are the words of God.
 3. Therefore, the Scriptures are God's authority.
- B. Christians can trust that the promises in the Scriptures will happen (Heb. 6:13-20).
- C. Therefore, Christians must read the Scriptures to discover the promises of God in the Scriptures.
 1. The Spirit of God works, through man, by the words of God to bring about the authoritative will of God.
 2. When God promises us something, the Spirit moves to make it happen.
 3. We must lay hold of the promises of God by reading the Scriptures.

III. The Scriptures are straightforward.

- A. Christians can clearly understand the Scriptures.
 1. God is a communal God.
 2. Therefore, he desires to communicate with his people.
 3. Moreover, he is a competent God.
 4. Therefore, he can communicate with his people.
 5. Therefore, he can use Scriptures to speak to his people in a clear and concise way.
 6. Therefore, we can read the Scriptures with confidence that God will speak clearly to us (Deut. 30:11-14).
- B. Christians must read the Scriptures to apply them in order to receive the promise of a blessed life (Deut. 30:14).
 1. God's desire is that his people would live a blessed life.
 2. The Scriptures are designed to be a manual for living a blessed life.
 3. Therefore, obedience to the Scriptures are the means for living a blessed life.

IV. The Scriptures are significant.

- A. The Scriptures teach us how to find salvation (Rom. 10:5-10).
 - B. Salvation in the Scriptures is a life of eternal blessing through faith in Christ Jesus.
 - C. We apply the message of salvation by confessing and believing Jesus is Lord.
- V. The Scriptures are sufficient.
- A. The Scriptures are sufficient to satisfy the Christian's soul (Jn. 14:18-24; 1 Pet. 1:2, 22).
 - B. Through a life of obedience to the Scriptures coupled with the work of the Holy Spirit, Jesus communes with his saints and fills their souls with hope, peace, love, and joy.
 - C. Therefore, for the Christian, obedience to the Scriptures provides satisfaction.
- VI. Applying the Word
- A. Seek Jesus in the Scriptures during your daily devotions.
 - B. Seek Jesus in the Scriptures while engaging with weekly sermons. A practical way to do this is, before a sermon, pray the Ephesians 3 prayer over yourself (Eph. 3:14-21)