



Reformation Series: Part 1: Sola Scriptura – Scripture Alone  
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I. History

- Significance of October 31, 1517
- Martin Luther’s 95 Theses -- a focus on “Indulgences”
- Broader concerns with the Roman Catholic Church
  - The Bible was a C book to ordinary people
  - S ignorance was prevalent
  - The true G had become twisted
  - Church T became superior to the Word of God.
- The “Reformers” arise throughout Europe (1300s through 1500s)
  - John Wycliffe
  - Jan Hus
  - John Calvin
  - William Tyndale
  - Many more
- The Reformers and their followers became the first “Protestants”

II. Specific Concerns of Roman Catholic teaching

- Indulgences (Johann Tetzel)
- Luther’s Response
- Tradition
- Purgatory
- The Pope/Apostolic Succession
- Prayers for dead
- Adoration and worship of Mary
- Works-based salvation

III. The Emergence of the “Solas” – Focus on Sola Scriptura – Our Source of Truth  
Views of Scripture

Roman Catholics: The Church is \_\_\_\_\_

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Protestants: The Church is \_\_\_\_\_

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The Apostles View

**2 Tim 3:16-17** 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God[ may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**2 Pet 1:21** For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

#### IV. “God-Breathed” and “Carried along by the Holy Spirit” means:

- ⇒ I \_\_\_\_\_.
- ⇒ P \_\_\_\_\_.
- ⇒ Without E \_\_\_\_\_.

#### V. Trustworthiness of Bible Translations

#### VI. Lion and Lamb View of Scripture (from Statement of Faith)

*The Scriptures in their original autographs, are the fully inspired Word of God, without error, absolute in their authority and complete in their provision for godly living.*

*And, We adhere to the 1978 Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy.*

#### VII. The Sufficiency of Scripture

The inspired word of God is adequate for all F \_\_\_\_\_ and P \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Samuel Kendal, 1700s**

All truth necessary for our S \_\_\_\_\_ and S \_\_\_\_\_ life is taught either explicitly or implicitly in scripture.  
**John MacArthur**

#### VIII. Roman Catholic Opposition to Sola Scriptura

1. Oral tradition has equal authority to the written word and the Bible supports that position
2. The Catholic church is the vessel God uses to explain truth

##### Oral tradition

2 Tim 1:13-14 What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching . . . .

2 Tim 2:2 And the things you have heard me say . . . entrust to reliable people who will be qualified to teach . . .

2 Thes 2:15 . . . hold to the traditions . . . . by our spoken word . . .

Fallacy? \_\_\_\_\_

##### Catholic Church has all teaching authority

**Eph 3:10-11** . . . through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known

Fallacy? \_\_\_\_\_

##### **Other Battles Against Sola Scriptura in Protestant Church**

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##### **How does “Sola Scriptura” protect you/us?**

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