

# Sola Scriptura

“Look to God’s instructions and teachings! People who contradict his word are completely in the dark.”

(Isaiah 8:20, NLT)

“People generally think: If I had an opportunity to hear God speak in person, I would run my feet bloody...But now you have the Word of God in church...and this is God’s Word as surely as if God Himself were speaking to you.”

- Martin Luther

The Bible makes  
amazing claims about  
itself.

Imagine a famine of  
hearing the Word of  
God.

“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord GOD,  
“when I will send a famine on the land—  
not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water,  
but of hearing the words of the LORD.  
They shall wander from sea to sea,  
and from north to east;  
they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of the LORD,  
but they shall not find it.”

-Amos 8:11-14

# A medieval famine of the Word

“Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Holy Scriptures or by plain reason – for I can believe neither pope nor councils alone, as it is clear that they have erred repeatedly and contradicted themselves – I consider myself convicted by the testimony of Holy Scripture, which is my basis. My conscience is captive to the Word of God. Thus I cannot and will not recant... Here I stand, I can do no other. So help me God.”

-Martin Luther at the Diet of Worms, 1521

“The Bible is alive, it speaks to me;  
it has feet, it runs after me;  
it has hands, it lays hold of me.”

- Martin Luther



Sola Scriptura is a  
doctrine we need to  
understand.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

- 2 Timothy 3:16

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- Not our only authority—Scripture never asserts itself to be our only authority.

“The Bible is the Supreme Court of the Christian faith. Tradition may be likened to a lower court, statements of faith to a higher court, councils to a court of appeal. But the Bible itself is the Supreme Court from which there is and can be no appeal.”

- Ray Pritchard

Sola Scriptura is a gift  
we would be wise to  
appreciate.

Sola Scriptura is a conviction we must put into practice.

“Do we search, love, live, and pray over the Holy Scriptures? Is the Bible the compass that leads us through the storms and over the waves we encounter in this life? Is Scripture the mirror by which we dress ourselves (James 1:22-27), the rule by which we work (Gal. 6:16), the water with which we wash (Ps. 119:9), the fire that warms us (Luke 24:32), the food that nourishes us (Job 23:12), the sword with which we fight (Eph. 6:17), the counselor who resolves our doubts and fears (Ps. 119:24), and the heritage that enriches us (Ps. 119:111-112)? ”

-Joel Beeke