

Years ago, when I was 19, I was a recent convert to Christianity. At the time, there was a Christian rock band becoming popular. Their name was “DOXA”. In addition to their music, I was also intrigued by their band name. After some inquiry, I learned that DOXA is the Greek word translated as “glory”. It is where we get the English word, “Doxology”, which means “hymns/words of praise ascribed to God’s glory.”

Today, we finish our Reformation 500 series, “SOLA”. October 31, 1517, Martin Luther started the Protestant Reformation and brought us *SOLA Scriptura*, *SOLA Fide*, *SOLA Gratia*, *SOLUS Christus*, *SOLI Deo Gloria*. Today, we look at *SOLI Deo Gloria* - To God Alone Be the Glory. In Romans 11:36 (ESV), Paul speaks it well, “For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.”

Now, I’ll admit, there are some pretty familiar/popular Doxologies in the church. You’ve surely heard them. We speak, “Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.” We sing, “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

But, my favorite Doxology is Jude 1:24-25 (ESV), “Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our

Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.” Everything Luther stood for and all we’ve been learning about is right here!

Life application? 1. Look to Jesus! Hebrews 1:3 (ESV) says, “Jesus is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature.” 2. Praise the Lord! Psalm 150:6 (ESV) says, “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!” 3. Glorify God in all things! 1 Corinthians 10:31 (ESV) says, “Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever! Let’s do so!

Let’s pray. Lord God, in Revelation 7:12 (ESV), a great multitude of people are worshiping You, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen.” Lord, as we await this Blessed Hope, help us live in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Help us live “to God alone be the glory”!