

GRACE

Bible Church

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Welcome to the
Lord's Day worship
service at Grace Bible
Church.

We are truly blessed
to be here this
morning as we open
God's Word together,
sing His praises, and
enjoy a time of
fellowship in His
presence.

Be sure to take
advantage of the many
fellowship and
ministry opportunities
available to our
church family today
and throughout the
week.



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ORDER OF THE MORNING SERVICE

10:30am:

Welcome and Announcements

Song*

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Hymn #656

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Matthew 21:28–46

Song*

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Hymn #463

Song*

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

Hymn #454

Sermon

Shaun Marksbury

“Why Must it be Faith *Alone*?”

Series: “The Five *Solas* of the Reformation”

Romans 4:1–8

Song*

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Hymn #98

** All those who are able, please stand.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Fellowship

We will meet at Golden Corral Saturday, October 28th at 8:00 am. We will be studying Psalm 12.

Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to partake in the Lord's Table on Sunday morning, October 29th.

Elder Meeting

The first elder meeting will be Saturday, November 4th at 8:30am at Dunkin' Donuts for any who want to attend.

Covered-dish fellowship

This time it will be Thanksgiving themed! Everyone's invited to stay Sunday, November 5th for food and fellowship after the service!

Ladies' Tea

Women, come out Saturday, November 11th at 10am!

If you have any questions concerning the message from today, or are interested in obtaining information about baptism or church membership, please see an elder after the service, drop a note in the giving box indicating your desire to talk with an elder, or call the church number.

CHURCH INFO

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A. M. NOTES

“Why Must it be Faith *Alone*?”

Series: “The Five *Solas* of the Reformation”

Romans 4:1–8

I. Introduction

II. What Does the Scripture Say? (Rm 4:1–8)

- a. Those Born Before the Law Were Justified by Faith Alone
cf. Gn 15:6; Lk 18:13–14.

Contrast James 2:21–24.

- b. Those Born Under the Law Were Justified by Faith Alone
Cf. Hb 10:3–4; Gal 2:17–19

III. Historical Considerations

- a. The Post-Reformation Catholic Church

Council of Trent, Canons 9 and 12 tell us:

If any one saith, that by faith alone the impious is justified; in such wise as to mean, that nothing else is required to co-operate in order to the obtaining the grace of Justification, and that it is not in any way necessary, that he be prepared and disposed

by the movement of his own will; let him be anathema. ...

If any one shall say that justifying faith is nothing else than confidence in the divine mercy pardoning sins for Christ's sake, or that it is that confidence alone by which we are justified... let him be accursed.

b. The True Catholic Church

Clement of Rome (ca. AD 90–100) in his *First Epistle to the Corinthians*,

And we [Christians], too, being called by His will in Christ Jesus, are not justified by ourselves, nor by our own wisdom, or understanding, or godliness, or works which we have wrought in holiness of heart; but by that faith through which, from the beginning, Almighty God has justified all men; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

IV. Some Concerns for Evangelicalism Today

a. Simple fideism

b. Pietism

V. Final Thoughts

THE FIVE *SOLAS* OF THE REFORMATION

On October 31st, 1517, a German monk nailed a document to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg. Frustrated with the sale of indulgences in the Roman Catholic Church, Martin Luther outlined ninety-five theses for the reformation of this practice. The document, meant to spark debate within Catholicism, set European hearts ablaze with repentance.

In the generations to come, Protestants faced torture and death from an abusive church that had strayed from Scripture. They sought “to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 1:3)—the faith that had been lost to centuries of tradition. Their teachings gave rise to five key Latin statements that defined their Reformation efforts.

Throughout the month of October, we’re examining each of these statements. We’re doing this because they were not only important for Christians in the past, they’re desperately needed in the modern Evangelical church, as it’s now also drifting further from Scripture. These statements are:

- *Sola Fide*—Faith Alone.
- *Sola Scriptura*—Scripture Alone.
- *Solus Christus*—Christ Alone.
- *Sola Gratia*—Grace Alone.
- *Soli Deo Gloria*—Glory to God Alone.

In the words of Martin Luther at his trial:

Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Holy Scriptures or by evident 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, because acting against one’s conscience is neither safe nor sound. God help me. Amen.¹

¹ Heiko Oberman, *Luther: Man Between God and the Devil* (English edition Yale, 1989), cited in “What Luther Said,” *Christian History*, Issue 34, available at <http://www.christianitytoday.com/history/2008/august/what-luther-said.html>.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Coastal Jail Ministries of Georgia, the local missions we support as a church, has their fundraising banquet on Monday, November 13th, from 6:30–8:30 pm. In addition to dinner and the special presentations, there will be a dessert bar! Grace Church of the Islands is hosting. Call 912-652-7755 for more information or visit the donations page at <http://cjmgga.org/donate>.

Video and audio recordings of the messages are available for listening or downloading from www.facebook.com/gracebiblesavannah

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