

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 22:1–14

Song*

“Since Jesus Came into My Heart”

Hymn #624 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

Song*

“ ‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

Hymn #502 (vv. 1–3)

Sermon

Shaun Marksbury

“Why Must it be Christ *Alone?*”

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

John 10:1–18

Song*

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Hymn #346

* *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 Christ *Alone*?”

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

John 10:1–18

- I. Introduction

- II. What Does the Scripture Say? (John 10:1–18)
 - a. Christ alone is the door for the sheep.
Jn 14:6; Mt 22:11–14; 1 Tm 2:5

 - b. Christ alone is the Good Shepherd of the sheep.
Ez 34:1–23

 - c. Christ alone lays down His life for the sheep.
 - i. Christ alone is our substitute
Is 53:5; Hb 10:3–4; 1 Jn 2:2; 1 Th 1:10; Col 2:13

 - ii. Christ alone is our righteousness
Rm 5:10; 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Pt 1:3; Rm 6:5–11;
Gal 2:20; Acts 4:12

 - d. Christ alone is the Shepherd for *all* the sheep.
Eph 2:12–16; Gal 3:28; Mt 16:18; Eph 4:9–16; Col 1:18

- e. Christ alone has charge over the sheep from the Father.
Mk 1:11

III. Theological Considerations

- a. Roman Catholic Dogma

1st, the door for the sheep is not Christ alone.

2nd, Christ alone does not lay down His life for the sheep.

3rd, Christ alone is not the shepherd of all His sheep.

Finally, a denial of Christ alone is a denial of God, according to His Word.

- b. Some Concerns for Evangelicalism Today

IV. Final Thoughts

Gal 1:6–9

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>.

MODERN STATEMENTS TO KNOW:

The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy (1978)

For three days in 1978, pastors from across denominational lines came together to discuss the question of whether the Bible contained errors. These pastors included men like James Montgomery Boice, J. I. Packer, Francis Schaeffer, R. C. Sproul, and John MacArthur. They did this because, as they stated in the preface, “The authority of Scripture is a key issue for the Christian Church in this and every age.”

To help us affirm *sola scriptura* and a view that the Bible is reliable, we’re looking at a few of the articles of this statement every week. These articles are short, containing affirmations and denials to help us understand what an inerrant Scripture looks like. Looking at five each week, we will be through this statement in six weeks.

Article I

We affirm that the Holy Scriptures are to be received as the authoritative Word of God.

We deny that the Scriptures receive their authority from the Church, tradition, or any other human source.

Article II

We affirm that the Scriptures are the supreme written norm by which God binds the conscience, and that the authority of the Church is subordinate to that of Scripture.

We deny that Church creeds, councils, or declarations have authority greater than or equal to the authority of the Bible.

Article III

We affirm that the written Word in its entirety is revelation given by God.

We deny that the Bible is merely a witness to revelation, or only becomes revelation in encounter, or depends on the responses of men for its validity.

Article IV

We affirm that God who made mankind in His image has used language as a means of revelation.

We deny that human language is so limited by our creatureliness that it is rendered inadequate as a vehicle for divine revelation. We further deny that the corruption of human culture and language through sin has thwarted God's work of inspiration.

Article V

We affirm that God's revelation in the Holy Scriptures was progressive.

We deny that later revelation, which may fulfill earlier revelation, ever corrects or contradicts it. We further deny that any normative revelation has been given since the completion of the New Testament writings.

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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