

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 22:15–33

Song*

“To God Be the Glory”

Hymn #28 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

Song*

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Hymn #48 (vv. 1–3)

Sermon

Shaun Marksbury

“Why Must it be Christ *Alone?*”

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

John 17:24

Song*

“Immortal, Invisible”

Hymn #56

(vv. 1, 2, 4)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to partake in the Lord's Table this morning.

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' Outing

Women, come out Saturday, November 11th at 10am to All Things Chocolate!

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.

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A. M. NOTES

“Why Must it be God’s Glory *Alone*?”

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

John 17:24

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. We’re looking at five each week of the full text (available at www.reformed.org/documents/index.html).

Article VI

We affirm that the whole of Scripture and all its parts, down to the very words of the original, were given by divine inspiration.

We deny that the inspiration of Scripture can rightly be affirmed of the whole without the parts, or of some parts but not the whole.

Article VII

We affirm that inspiration was the work in which God by His Spirit, through human writers, gave us His Word. The origin of Scripture is divine. The mode of divine inspiration remains largely a mystery to us.

We deny that inspiration can be reduced to human insight, or to heightened states of consciousness of any kind.

Article VIII

We affirm that God in His Work of inspiration utilized the distinctive personalities and literary styles of the writers whom He had chosen and prepared.

We deny that God, in causing these writers to use the very words that He chose, overrode their personalities.

Article IX

We affirm that inspiration, though not conferring omniscience, guaranteed true and trustworthy utterance on all matters of which the Biblical authors were moved to speak and write.

We deny that the finitude or fallenness of these writers, by necessity or otherwise, introduced distortion or falsehood into God's Word.

Article X

We affirm that inspiration, strictly speaking, applies only to the autographic text of Scripture, which in the providence of God can be ascertained from available manuscripts with great accuracy. We further affirm that copies and translations of Scripture are the Word of God to the extent that they faithfully represent the original.

We deny that any essential element of the Christian faith is affected by the absence of the autographs. We further deny that this absence renders the assertion of Biblical inerrancy invalid or irrelevant.

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. The night will feature a documentary shot on the ministry which includes interviews with the major, the sheriff, former inmates, and others. In addition to dinner and the special presentation, 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> to purchase a ticket online.

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

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