



SOLA SCRIPTURA - SCRIPTURE ALONE.

Many of us don't appreciate the Bible today. We don't understand the history, the context of how this book came about, or what many people went through to get it. We often disregard it, only picking it up on Sundays when we're heading for church, or rejecting/ignoring things we don't like or agree with.

We're also apt to put things over Scripture, such as dreams, feelings, experiences, etc. While dreams, feelings, and experiences can very well come from God, they can also be misinterpreted or not mean anything at all. On the flip side, we know without a doubt that Scripture is without error. This means if your dream blatantly contradicts Scripture, you can probably chalk that one up to your midnight burrito instead of a sign from God. Scripture is the foundation for what we believe. It's authoritative. It's truth. It's the story of a huge, redeeming God. It's His love letter to us.

IN THE BIBLE.

2 Tim. 3:14-16.

But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

John 5:36-47

But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

“I do not receive honor from men. But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God? Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

QUESTIONS.

- 1.) What role does Scripture play in your life?
- 2.) How do you handle controversial verses/passages while reading the Bible?
- 3.) Do you trust the Bible to be inerrant? Why or why not?
- 4.) What steps can you take to spend more time in Scripture?

Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?