

The Manifesto of the Reformation

Romans 3:9-20

Five Solas of the Reformation

- *Sola Scriptura* – the ultimate authority is Scripture *alone*, not tradition, the Magisterium, popes, or councils.
- *Solus Christus* – justified based on the righteousness of Christ *alone*, not our own righteousness.
- *Sola Fide* – justified by faith *alone*, not by works of any kind.
- *Sola Gratia* – saved by grace *alone*, not by personal merit.
- *Soli Deo Gloria* – salvation in Christ alone, through faith alone, by grace alone magnifies the glory of God *alone*.

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I. The Battles of Church History

- A. Augustine vs. Pelagius
- B. Luther vs. Erasmus

II. The Crux of the Conflict

- Does man have a free will?
- *Will* is that faculty of the soul that makes choices or “the mind choosing”

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Three Views of Free Will

- 1) We make moral decisions free of any influences (freedom of indifference or “neutral-will”).
- 2) We can make all moral decisions even those that are opposites (freedom of contrary choice).
- 3) We make moral decisions in keeping with our own desires (freedom of self-determination).

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- I. The Battles of Church History
- II. The Crux of the Conflict
- III. Clear Statements of Scripture...
 - A. Rom. 3:10-12
 - B. Scripture’s Categorical Negatives

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Scripture's Categorical Negatives

Man does not have the power to...

1. Act contrary to his nature
2. Enter God's kingdom
3. Do anything spiritually good
4. Believe or savingly understand the truth
5. Obey God
6. Please God
7. Come to Christ for salvation