

## *Soli Deo Gloria* – For the Glory of God Alone

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Revelation 1:4-7

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- Reformations ideas started with Wycliffe, Hus, etc., declared by Luther in 95 Thesis 10/31/1517
- The Church has fallen victim to the age-old sin of pride, greed, empire building and self-glory.
- Reformation was a reclamation of soli Deo gloria
- Even Church today is prone to the very things to which the Roman Catholic Church fell victim!
- We should always be reforming (examining ourselves against Scripture) for God's glory
- Consider: Isaiah 42:8; 43:6-7; 48:11; Rom 11:36; 1 Cor 10:31;
- Idols which distract us from living for the Glory of God alone:
  - busyness
  - need to be loved

For Thought & Discussion:

- What is the difference between making an impact in this world and living for the glory of God? Can you do both? Explain.
- Make a list of things that people live their lives for: sports, fame, power, others, etc.
- What areas of life "distract" you from soli Deo Gloria?
- Read Isaiah 42:8; 43:6-7; 48:11; Rom 11:36; 1 Cor 10:31; Eph 3:20-21; 2 Tim 4:18; 2 Pet 3:18; Rev 1:4-7; Rev 5:13-14. What do we learn? How do these verses affect how you approach life?
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