

The Reformation and The Power of the Gospel

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- God's Word defines truth - not our opinions or feelings
- Church doesn't hold truth, God's Word does - believers understand by Spirit

***Sola Fide* - Justification by faith Alone**

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- We are not made right by our works, but by faith in God's provision alone
- We can buy or earn our standing before God it is by Grace Alone
- Ephesians 2:8-10

***Imago dei* - image of God in every person**

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- This idea changes culture — all are worthy of respect and dignity
- Luther's stand at Diet of Worms — nobody challenged State or Church & lived to tell about it
- This public statement was a timebomb that affected culture greatly!

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- Church is not made up of professionals, but believers saved for service
- The leaders are to equip the saints to do the work of ministry Eph 4:11-12
- Jesus Christ is our perfect High Priest - Heb 5:1-9

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***Solus Christus* - Christ Alone**

***Soli Deo Gloria* - to the glory of God alone!**

- These final three solas remind us of God's purpose for His people
- The Church is NOT an institution or a building
- The Church is made up of Believers saved by God's Grace

Remember the Gospel Everyday!

- The Gospel is God's Power to set us free. 2 Cor 5:17-18
- The Gospel is God's Purpose to restore all things 2 Cor 5:18-19
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Apply It:

- What is the "so what" of the Gospel for you (us)?
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