

Sunday Morning October 1, 2017  
Sola Scriptura  
Psalm 19; Romans 1:18–21; 2 Timothy 3:10–17; 2:14–15

- I. Why Sola Scriptura? Because the Bible Is Necessary to Know God
  - A. God Has Revealed Himself Generally in His World Ps. 19:1–6; Rom. 1:18–21
    - 1. General Revelation Is a Universal Knowledge Rom. 1:18-21
    - 2. General Revelation Is an Internal Knowledge Rom. 1:19
    - 3. General Revelation Is Reliable Knowledge Rom. 1:19, 21
    - 4. General Revelation Is Perpetual Knowledge Rom. 1:20
    - 5. General Revelation Is Theological Knowledge Rom. 1:20
    - 6. General Revelation Is External Knowledge Rom. 1:19--20; Ps. 19:1, 2, 4a
  - B. But God Has Revealed Himself More Clearly in His Word Ps. 19:7-11
- II. Why Sola Scriptura? Because the Bible Is Necessary to Know Salvation
  - A. Natural Revelation Is Not Sufficient to Know Salvation
  - B. Therefore Special Revelation Is Necessary to Know Salvation  
Rom. 10:13-17; Rom. 1:17; Ac. 4:12; Prov. 29:18; Eph. 2:12; Jn. 14:6  
1 Cor. 1:21; Jn. 20:31; 1 Jn. 5:13
- III. Why Sola Scriptura? Because the Bible Is Necessary to Know Obedience 2 Tim. 3:16–17
  - A. The Bible Is God’s Sufficient Direction for Godliness 2 Tim. 3:10–17
  - B. The Bible Is to Be Our Daily Direction for Godliness 2 Tim 2:14, 15

Westminster Confession I.6, The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for his own glory, man's salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men. Nevertheless, we acknowledge the inward illumination of the Spirit of God to be necessary for the saving understanding of such things as are revealed in the Word: and that there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God, and government of the church, common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature, and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word, which are always to be observed.

## Quotes

“The 20<sup>TH</sup> century has seen a more widespread and enduring defection from historic Christianity in the English-speaking world than has been witnessed in any period since the Reformation. This defection has occurred through the removal of the foundation to all Christian teaching, namely that the words of Scripture are so given by God that the teaching they contain is entirely trustworthy and authoritative. The Bible stands supreme above all human wisdom and religious tradition. It alone is the Book which God has given for the salvation of men. If therefore the Scripture loses its true place in the church nothing remains certain.” ---John Elias

“All men know God. Every fact of the universe has God’s stamp of ownership indelibly and with large letters engraved upon it.” —Van til (Common Grace, p 130)

“Just as old or bleary-eyed men and those with weak vision, if you thrust before them a most beautiful volume (book), even if they recognize it to be some sort of writing, yet can scarcely construe two words, but with the aid of spectacles will begin to read distinctly; so Scripture, gathering up the otherwise confused knowledge of God in our minds, having dispersed our dullness, clearly shows us the true God.” —John Calvin (Institutes 1.6.1)

“The reality of the Trinity, and the purpose of the incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension are sufficiently complex that they cannot be mimed, or communicated through a religious impulse or sensation; they need to be spoken.” —Ward

“It was, indeed, out of infinite love, mercy, and compassion, that God would at all reveal his mind and will unto sinners. He might forever have locked up the treasures of his wisdom and prudence, wherein he abounds towards us in his Word, in his own eternal breast. He might have left all the sons of men unto that woeful darkness, whereinto by sin they had cast themselves, and kept them, with the angels who sinned before them, under the chains and power of it, unto the judgment of the great day. But from infinite love he condescended to reveal himself and his will unto us.” —John Owen

“Everything you need to learn in order to live to the glory of God and enjoy Him for ever you will find in the application of Scripture” —Sinclair Ferguson

“First, remember, remember, remember the signs. Say them to yourself when you wake in the morning and when you lie down at night, and when you wake in the middle of the night. And whatever strange things may happen to you, let nothing turn your mind from following the signs. And secondly, I give you a warning. Here on the mountain I have spoken to you clearly: I will not often do so down in Narnia. Here on the mountain, the air is clear and your mind is clear; as you drop down into Narnia, the air will thicken. Take great care that it does not confuse your mind. And the signs which you have learned here will not look at all as you expect them to look, when you meet them there. That is why it is so important to know them by heart and pay no attention to appearances. Remember the signs and believe the signs. Nothing else matters. And now, daughter of Eve, farewell ...” —C.S. Lewis (The Silver Chair)

"The Bible- banned, burned, beloved. More widely read, more frequently attacked than any other book in history. Generations of intellectuals have attempted to discredit it; dictators of every age have outlawed it and executed those who read it. Yet soldiers carry it into battle believing it more powerful than their weapons. Fragments of it smuggled into solitary prison cells have transformed ruthless killers into gentle saints. Pieced together scraps of Scripture have converted whole villages of pagan Indians. Yearly the Bible outsells every best seller. Portions have been translated into almost 2000 languages and even carried to the moon. Nothing has affected the rise and fall of civilization, the character of cultures, the structure of governments, and the lives of the inhabitants of this planet as profoundly as the words of the Bible." —Colson

"The finality of Scripture if it has any meaning, demands that those who profess commitment to Christ and the church in its collective capacity, direct all thought, activity, and objective by this Word as the revelation to us of God's mind and will." —John Murray