

## Sermon Notes



Title: The Five Solas Series: Sola Fide

Text: Genesis 3:1-7, 21

Theme: Faith alone justifies. *Sola Fide* knows, agrees, and relies upon Christ alone. It goes beyond assent to result in a heart that trusts.

### I. What does *Sola Fide* mean?

### II. What is the precise issue in this discussion?

### III. The Biblical teaching on *Sola Fide*

- A. Justification by faith alone is from the \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in Genesis 3.
- B. Faith alone is also operative between the time of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Faith alone is prominent from Abraham \_\_\_\_\_.

D. Faith alone in the \_\_\_\_\_ continues the \_\_\_\_\_ reality.

### IV. What is the nature of saving faith?

### V. Applications

- A. Faith alone is the \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Faith alone is a \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of a wilderness of endless \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. Review the concept of *semper reformanda*. What does it mean? How do we do this? What are some things in need of reformation?
2. What were the *95 Theses*? Who wrote them? What was this document primarily about? How did this relate to the issue of faith and salvation?
3. What does the Latin phrase *Sola Fide* mean in English?
4. What is the theological term for being right in God's sight?
5. Because the Church has always recognized the need for faith in order to be right with God, what was the precise issue of controversy in the 16<sup>th</sup> century Church?
6. How was Adam and Eve's sin covered so that they were acceptable before God (Genesis 3:21)?
7. Name some people who were accepted before God by faith between the time of Adam and Abraham.
8. How was Abraham made right in God's sight (Genesis 15:6)?
9. Does the Apostle Paul teach a different way of justification than do the other New Testament writers? Why or why not?
10. Is saving faith something that people have the ability to exercise? Why or why not? What did Jesus say about this (Matthew 19:26)?
11. Why is the Medieval distinction of "faith formed by love" a deficient definition of Biblical saving faith?
12. Since the 16<sup>th</sup> century, is the idea that one must do more than have faith to be just before God still entertained and promoted? If so, how?
13. What is saving faith?
14. How does *Sola Fide* make a difference in your life?