SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 2:1-10
SERMON: Cherish the Reformation!

5 November 2017

PREFACE: THE SOLAS IN HISTORY

- A. REFORMATION: ELEMENTS; NOT CATALOGUED
- **B. THE THREE** *SOLAS***: GRACE, FAITH, SCRIPTURE** (early 20th century)
- C. TWO MORE SOLAS: CHRIST, GLORY (mid-20th century)
- **D. YET TWO MORE: CHURCH, WORKS** (late 20th century)
- E. IMPORTANCE: A USEFUL SUMMARY OF ESSENTIAL TRUTHS
- F. PREPOSITIONS: ACCORDING TO, BY, THROUGH, IN, AMONG, FOR, UNTO

POINT: THE ESSENTIAL TRUTHS OF SALVATION

- **A. ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES ALONE** (Eph.2:4f; 3:2f; 2Pt1:21 /Dt12:32; Mk7:7f (Col.2:22; Tt.1:14); see 2Tm.3:14-17; see *WCF*, c.1; subordinate vs. coordinate standards; e.g., Confession (articulation) & Testimony (application))
- **B. BY GRACE ALONE** (Eph.2:1; 5,7,8; 1:3f,7f,13f; 1:2 & 6:24; Rom.3:24; 11:6; see TULIP; AAA)
- **C. THROUGH FAITH ALONE** (Eph.2:8; see Rom.3:22f,28; 4:16; 5:2; Gal.2:16; 3:1f; 1Pt.1:5; 2Pt.1:1; cognizance, conviction, commitment (allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness); Jms.2:19)
- **D. IN CHRIST ALONE** (Eph.2:6,7,10; 1:3f; 6:1; see Heb.9:12f; 10:14; (10:12,14; Lev.16:21f); 2Cor.5:21; see Mt.11:27; Jn.14:6; Acts 4:12; 1Tm.2:5)
- E. AMONG THE VISIBLE CHURCH ALONE (Eph.2:20; 4:1f,11f; Heb.10:25; see Acts 2:42)
- F. FOR GOOD WORKS ALONE (Eph.2:10; Mt.; Mt.7:17f; Tt.1:16; 2:7,14; 3:1,8,14; Jms.2:14f)
- **G. UNTO GOD'S GLORY ALONE** (Eph.2:7,9,10; 3:21 /Is.48:11; 1Cor.1:31; 4:7; 10:31; 2Cor.10:17; Rom.11:33f)

PUSH: CHERISH THESE PRINCIPLES OF THE REFORMATION!

- A. BUILD YOUR FAITH & LIFE ON THE FOUNDATION OF THESE BIBLICAL BOULDERS (Eph.2:20, 1-10; see 2Tm.3:14-17; Heb.5:12f)
- **B.** STAND FIRM ON THIS FOUNDATION AGAINST ALL OPPOSITION (Eph.2:20, 1-10; 6:11-14; see 1Cor.16:13; Gal.5:1; Phil.1:27; 4:1; 1Th.3:8; 2Th.2:15; 1Pt.5:12; see Ps.46 C; Ein Feiste Burg)
- C. SEEK GOD FOR ALL YOU NEED & GIVE HIM ALL THE GLORY FOR HIS PROVISION (Lk.11:1-13; Jms.1:5f; 1Cor.1:31; 10:31; 2Cor.10:17; Rom.11:33f)
- **D. ENJOY THE FREEDOM OF THE SOLAS FROM THE TYRANNY OF MAN** (Mk.7:7f (Col.2:22; Tt.1:14); see WCF, c.20, On Christian Liberty and the Liberty of Conscience)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)