

**REFORMATION DAY**  
**P.H. Mell and Sola Scriptura**  
**2 Thessalonians 2:13-15**

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**1. The reformation doctrine of “Sola Scriptura” is fundamental for the church to stand \_\_\_\_\_ in every age.**

*“The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are the only sufficient, certain and authoritative rule of all saving knowledge, faith and obedience.” - Abstract of Principles 1858*

*“Mell characterized Georgia Baptists of his day as holding a confidence in God’s Word in which ‘every idea was infallibly true, and every \_\_\_\_\_ used by the inspired writers was selected by divine control’.”*  
- Dr. Tom Nettles

**2. The gospel of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ to the church and must never be compromised.**

a. The church is made up of brethren \_\_\_\_\_ by the Lord from the foundation of the world, who are enabled to come to the truth by faith.

*“I say this with anxiety, and write with fear, but I say it with earnest \_\_\_\_\_ for the real conversion of your soul to God, and with some hope that he will hear the petition that I have endeavored to offer up for you for many years back.” - Mrs. Cynthia Mell*

*“The Lord has dealt mercifully with me and has been pleased to bring me from the most awful lengths of \_\_\_\_\_ and to humiliate me at the foot of the cross.” - P.H. Mell*

b. The Holy Spirit not only begins but also continues the work of salvation by leading believers to \_\_\_\_\_ in holiness of heart and life—often through trials.

1) The Lord placed Mell in situations where he had to deal with much \_\_\_\_\_ as he served Southern Baptists in multiple ways.

2) The Lord enabled Mell to endure life threatening sickness with faith.

*“He became an object lesson of the most beautiful patience, of the most humble submission to God’s \_\_\_\_\_, a model for invalids. ... Here was all his preaching crystalized into practice.”*  
- Mrs. D.B. Fitzgerald

3) The trials of dealing with slavery and the \_\_\_\_\_.

*“And now that the long conflict is long past, and we are facing the most remarkable problem that any civilized nation was ever called to attempt,—the problem of slowly and patiently lifting these people up to all they can reach,—it were well if \_\_\_\_\_ misjudgments could be laid aside, if the faithful work of many Christians in those trying years could be on all sides appreciated, and the whole undertaking before us could be estimated in part by its best results, and not simply by its worst difficulties.”*  
- John Broadus