



# *The 5 “SOLAS”*

**FIVE LATIN PHRASES** are still used to summarize the theological beliefs that the Reformers held in opposition to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. They are known as The Five Solas.

### 1. Sola Scriptura - **Scripture Alone**

The Bible is the only inspired and authoritative word of God. It alone is the source for Christian doctrine. It is not just for the clergy, but must be accessible to all. Luther wrote, “God’s Word shall establish articles of faith, and no one else, not even angels can do so.”

### 2. Sola Fide - **Faith Alone**

Justification is received by faith alone. God declares people righteous, not by good works, but only by faith. Good works are then evidence of that faith.

### 3. Sola Gratia - **Grace Alone**

Salvation comes by God’s grace (unmerited favor). Salvation cannot be earned, but it is a gift from God alone.

### 4. Solus Christus - **Christ Alone**

Christ is the only mediator between God and humanity. There is salvation through no other.

### 5. Soli Deo Gloria - **Glory to God Alone**

Glory and worship is to God alone, since salvation is solely through God’s will and action. God not only offered Jesus as our all-sufficient atonement on the cross, God offers the gift of faith through the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts that allows us the ability to accept that atonement.