

SERMON NOTES

Date: October 29, 2017

Title: The Five Solas of the Reformation

Text: Selected Scriptures

Big Idea: What are the ideas that fueled the Protestant Reformation and why do they still matter today?

MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

REVIEW THE SERMON

What were the main problems that plagued the church during Luther's day? How do you see those same problems in the church today? _____

What were the main things God used in Luther's life to lead him to post his 95 Thesis? _____

Why is it important for believers to focus on the *alone* aspect of the core truths of the Reformation? _____

Why do the Five Solas still matter for the life and health of Christ's church today? _____

APPLY THE TRUTH

Luther struggled early in his ministry with what Paul taught about *faith alone* in Romans (3:21-22, 30; 4:1-4, 5:1) and what James taught about faith and works (2:14-20, 26). How do you reconcile these apparent differences? _____

It's easy to say that *Christ alone* is sufficient for salvation, but it's not always easy to live up to that in our doctrine and practice. What other things are you tempted to look to in addition to Christ? _____

What does 2 Timothy 3:16-17 say about the origin and authority of Scripture? In what ways do you struggle to look at God's Word as the final authority in your life? _____

Read Ephesians 2:8-9. What does Paul say are the gifts of God? In what ways do you see yourself contributing to your salvation or somehow deserving favor with God in your daily life? _____

How does idea of *glory to God alone* help you in the good moments in life as well as in the bad? _____
