

Quotes to Ponder

The whole counsel of God, concerning all things necessary for His own glory, man's salvation, faith, and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men.

Westminster Confession of Faith

*The Holy Ghost rides in the chariot of Scripture,
and not in the wagon of modern thought.*

Charles Spurgeon

People don't often go heretical all at once. It is gradual. And they do not do so intentionally ... They slip into it through shoddiness and laziness in handling the Word of Truth... All it takes to start the road to heresy is craving something new and different, a flashy new idea, along with a little laziness or carelessness or lack of precision in handling the truth of God.

Robert Thomas

The Reformation ... is, next to the introduction of Christianity, the greatest event in history. It marks the end of the Middle Ages and the beginning of modern times. Starting from religion, it gave, directly or indirectly, a mighty impulse to every forward movement, and made Protestantism the chief propelling force in the history of modern civilization.

Philip Schaff

The Reformers did not see themselves as inventors, discoverers, or creators. Instead, they saw their efforts as rediscovery. They weren't making something from scratch but were reviving what had become dead. They looked back to the Bible ... for the mold by which they could shape the church and re-form it. The Reformers had a saying, "Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda," meaning "the church reformed, always reforming."

Stephen Nichols

The Word comes first, and with the Word the Spirit breathes upon my heart so that I believe.

Let us then consider it certain and conclusively established that the soul can do without all things except the Word of God, and that where this is not there is no help for the soul in anything else whatever. But if it has the Word it is rich and lacks nothing, since this Word is the Word of life, of truth, of light, of peace, of righteousness, of salvation, of joy, of liberty, of wisdom, of power, of grace, of glory, and of every blessing beyond our power to estimate.

Martin Luther



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Sola Scriptura

October 1, 2017

Sermon
Notes

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Con-
victed you? Challenged you? Confused you?

2. Why was the Bible written?

3. What does Jesus mean in *John 5:39*?

4. What is the source of fully accurate knowledge about God (*Psalms 19*)?

5. What do the following verses teach about Scripture?

Deuteronomy 4:2 —

1 Thessalonians 1:5 —

Proverbs 30:5-6 —

2 Timothy 3:16-17 —

Isaiah 1:2 —

Hebrews 4:12 —

Isaiah 55:11 —

James 1:22, 25 —

Romans 15:4 —

Revelation 22:18-19 —

6. How should we respond to God's Word according to these verses?

Job 23:12 —

1 Thessalonians 2:13 —

Psalms 19:9-10 —

2 Timothy 2:15 —

Psalms 119:97 —

2 Timothy 4:2 —

Luke 16:31 —

James 1:22 —

Luke 24:32 —

Jude 3 —

John 6:68 —

7. Does the principle of *Sola Scriptura* mean "no creed but the Bible"?
Does it mean "just me and my Bible"? Explain.

8. In *2 Timothy 3:16* what does Paul say is inspired and why is that im-
portant?

9. What things does *1 Peter 2:2* link together?

10. How must we approach tradition, commentaries, sermons, and such
(*Galatians 1:8*)?

11. Is God continuing to communicate through inspired writers today?
Explain.

12. Why is the Bible the Word of God and not the Koran or Book of Mor-
mon?

Reflection Questions: Do I take the Word of God for granted? Do I ne-
glect it? How do I deny or downplay the principle of *Sola Scriptura* in
my own life? Do I really accept what the Bible says as the final author-
ity in my life? Read *Psalms 19*. Ask God to give you the same attitude
as David toward His Word.

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?