

## Sola Scriptura: Scripture Alone is the Authority

Celebrating 500 Years of Reformation (1517-2017)

**Text:** 2 Timothy 3:16-17

**Main Idea:** Only Scripture, because it is God's inspired Word, is our inerrant, sufficient, clear and final authority for the Church.

**Martin Luther** – *“Scripture alone is the true lord and master of all writings and doctrine on earth. If that is not granted, what is Scripture good for? The more we reject it, the more we become satisfied with men’s books and human teachers.....The Word of God is the greatest, most necessary and most important thing in Christendom.”*

1. Sola Scriptura means that God’s Word **alone** is the verbally \_\_\_\_\_ authority! (2 Tim 3:16, 2 Peter 2:21)
2. Sola Scriptura means that God’s Word **alone** is the \_\_\_\_\_ authority! (Ps 12:6, Prov 30:5)
3. Sola Scriptura means that God’s Word **alone** is the \_\_\_\_\_ authority!
4. Sola Scriptura means that God’s Word **alone** is an intrinsically \_\_\_\_\_ authority! (Ps 1:2, 19:7)
5. Sola Scriptura means that God’s Word **alone** is the \_\_\_\_\_ authority!

### Application of Sola Scriptura in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century:

1. **For the Culture:** Sola Scriptura means that all \_\_\_\_\_ must never be elevated or placed of equal authority to Scripture.
2. **For the Church:** Sola Scriptura means that Scripture alone is the greatest and most necessary, and most sublime part in Christendom. Therefore no church will rise any higher than the strength of its biblical \_\_\_\_\_.
3. **For the Individual:** Sola Scriptura means that while the Holy Spirit guides us, God \_\_\_\_\_ to us exclusively through His Word.

## Our Response to Sola Scriptura

**Homework:** Look up the following verses and fill in the blank, praying that these commands will be yours!

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the Word. (1 Thess 2:13)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to understand the Word. (Ps 119:18)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ on the Word. (1 Pet 2:2, Matt 4:4, 1 Cor 3:2)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ the Word. (Luke 11:28, 2 John 1:6)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ the Word. (Neh 8:5-6)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ the Word. (Ezra 7:10)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ & Teach the Word. (Matt 4:23, 2 Tim 4:2)
8. \_\_\_\_\_ with the Word. (Acts 18:24-28)
9. \_\_\_\_\_ yourself & others with the Word. (2 Tim 2:2)
10. \_\_\_\_\_ at the Word. (Is 66:2)