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Soli Deo Gloria: To the Glory of God Alone

Celebrating 500 Years of Reformation (1517-2017)

Text: Romans 11:33-36 & Misc passages

Main Idea: Our glorious God designed salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone so that He alone gets all the glory!

1. **Soli Deo Gloria** means that God's merciful and gracious salvation increases _____ to the glory of God. (2 Cor 4:15)
2. **Soli Deo Gloria** means that God's merciful & gracious salvation prevents any person from _____ & _____ God of His glory! (Eph 2:8-9, 1 Cor 1:26-31)
3. **Soli Deo Gloria** means God's merciful and gracious salvation leads His people to _____ & _____ to the praise of His glory! (Eph 1:4-6, 11-12)
4. **Soli Deo Gloria** means that God's merciful and gracious salvation could only be _____ Him and _____ Him & _____ Him for His glory forever! (Rom 11:33-36)
5. **Soli Deo Gloria** means that God's merciful and gracious salvation will exalt God alone on the _____ day! (Is 2:12, 17)

Application of Soli Deo Gloria for today:

1. **Guard against idolatry:** We must guard against making God something He is not for the sake of our own _____, and get to know the God of the Bible – not the God of the culture! (Rom 1:21-23)
2. **Understand salvation accurately:** We must be careful not to rob God of His glory by _____ that we had part in our salvation. (Is 59:16)
3. **In Our Worship:** We must repent of turning worship into _____ & self-gratification rather than making God the center of our attention and doing everything in our power to exalt His glory! (See *The Cambridge Declaration*, 1996, John 4:23)
4. **Remember why we exist:** We were created for one _____ to bring glory to God in all we do! (1 Cor 10:31, Is 43:7)

We are all in danger of _____ God's glory in salvation, in worship & in all that we do. Our driving passion must always be Soli Deo Gloria!

Scripture references:

2 Cor 4:15 – “For it is all for your sake, **so that** as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving to the glory of God.”

Eph 2:8-9 – “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, **so that** no one can boast.”

1 Cor 1:26-31 – “For consider your calling, brothers; not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not to bring to nothing things that are, **so that** no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness, so that as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’”

Ephesians 1:4-6 – “God chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ according to the purpose of his will, **to the praise of his glorious grace**, with which he has blessed us in the beloved.”

v. 11-12 – “In him we have obtained an inheritance having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, **so that** we who were the first to hope in Christ might **be to the praise of his glory**.”

Romans 11:33-36 – “Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For who has know the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid? For from him and through him and to him are all things. ***To him be glory forever.*** Amen.”

Isaiah 2:12-17 – “For the Lord of hosts has a day against all that is proud and lofty, against all that is lifted up – and it shall be brought low;...And the haughtiness of man shall be humbled, and the lofty pride of men shall be brought low, and ***the Lord alone will be exalted*** in that day.”