

SOLA SCRIPTURA
SOLA GRATIA
SOLA FIDE
SOLUS CHRISTUS
SOLI DEO GLORIA

Sola Scriptura

Martin Luther at the Diet of Worms (1521)

"Unless I am convinced by Scripture and plain reason - I do not accept the authority of the popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other - my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. God help me. Amen."

The Belgic Confession (1619) – Article 7

We believe that this Holy Scripture contains the will of God completely and that everything one must believe to be saved is sufficiently taught in it. For since the entire manner of service which God requires of us is described in it at great length, no one--even an apostle or an angel from heaven, as Paul says—(Gal. 1:8) ought to teach other than what the Holy Scriptures have already taught us....

The Belgic Confession (1619) – Article 7

...For since it is forbidden to add to or subtract from the Word of God, (Deut. 12:32; Rev. 22:18-19) this plainly demonstrates that the teaching is perfect and complete in all respects....

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...Therefore we must not consider human writings-- no matter how holy their authors may have been-- equal to the divine writings; nor may we put custom, nor the majority, nor age, nor the passage of time or persons, nor councils, decrees, or official decisions above the truth of God, for truth is above everything else.

For all human beings are liars by nature and more vain than vanity itself....

The Belgic Confession (1619) – Article 7

...Therefore we reject with all our hearts everything that does not agree with this infallible rule, as we are taught to do by the apostles when they say, "Test the spirits to see if they are of God," (1Jn 4:1) and also, "If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house." (2Jn. 10)

The Westminster Confession of Faith (1647) – Chapter 1, Section 6: Of the Holy Scripture

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.

The Cambridge Declaration (1996)

We reaffirm the inerrant Scripture to be the sole source of written divine revelation, which alone can bind the conscience. The Bible alone teaches all that is necessary for our salvation from sin and is the standard by which all Christian behavior must be measured. We deny that any creed, council or individual may bind a Christian's conscience, that the Holy Spirit speaks independently of or contrary to what is set forth in the Bible, or that personal spiritual experience can ever be a vehicle of revelation.

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The Central Affirmations & Presuppositions

- 1. Scripture is of Divine Origin**
- 2. Scripture is Infallible and Trustworthy in Everything It Teaches**
- 3. Scripture is Authoritative and Binding for Faith and Practice**
- 4. Scripture is the Ultimate Authority with which All Other Standards Must Agree**
- 5. Scripture is Sufficient and Teaches Everything that Must Be Known for Salvation**

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Central Affirmations

- 1. The Divine Source of Scripture**
- 2. The Total Integrity of Scripture**
- 3. The Complete Authority of Scripture**
- 4. The Ultimate Priority of Scripture**
- 5. The Full Sufficiency of Scripture**

Sola Scriptura

Sola Scripture Does NOT Mean...

- 1. Only the Bible Contains Truth or Everything That Is True**
- 2. Only the Bible Should Be Read**
- 3. Individuals May Interpret Any Way**
- 4. History & Tradition is Valueless**

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