

The Doctrines of Grace #1

Study Outline – Grace Bible Chapel

Introduction

March 17th, 2024

Introduction: “*Salvation is of the Lord*” (Jon. 2:9).

“Strangers shall submit themselves unto me: as soon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me.” (2 Sam. 22:45) KJV.

Ramifications of the Sola’s:

Definitions:

- Sola Scriptura (Scripture alone), our Only Measure – the Bible alone is our only or exclusive final sufficient source of authority for all matters of life, faith, and godliness.
- Solus Christus (Christ alone), our only Mediator - Jesus Christ alone is our only and exclusive Savior, Lord, and King. Our restored relation to the Father comes through Him alone. He is the central figure of the Bible, and all of Scripture not only testifies to Him but will honor and glorify Him.
- Sola Gratia (grace alone), our only Method - We are saved by the grace of God alone. Our salvation is entirely undeserved; it is a gift freely given by God according to His will. We cannot earn it through our efforts, deeds, or anything we can do.
- Sola Fide (faith alone), our only Means - We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone and His finished work on the cross. Our saving faith in Him is the only means God uses for our justification and the completion of our restored relation to the Father.
- Soli Deo Gloria (God’s glory alone), our only Motive is that all glory is due to God alone. He is the author of our salvation so that our lives are for His glory - including our understanding, our reasoning, our motives, our actions, and our worship are all to be expressed and driven to bring honor and glory to God.

Example Eph 1:3-14 –

Calvinism -

- Total Depravity - sinfulness pervades all aspects of human existence in every dimension causing spiritual ruin in our: heart, will, mind, and body. All are born by nature with an inability to please or know God.
 - Unconditional Election – God is the sole determiner of who will be the recipients of His salvation. His choice is not based on personal character, worthiness, family, personal merit, or anything of or about the person saved, but only on His own kindness and sovereign will.
 - Limited Atonement - Jesus Christ, is the only Savior. He died exclusively for or made particular atonement only for the sins of those who will ultimately come to saving faith in Him.
 - Irresistible Grace - God brings His own to salvation exclusively through His internal working and call, so that the sinner will not resist, but desire to come to Him.
 - Perseverance of the Saints – those whom God has set His saving work upon will not and cannot again be lost. Regardless of the difficulties or circumstances of their life, those born again will continue to live by faith in relation to their Lord.
- The Reasoning Surrounding Sola Scriptura

Closing:
