

**The Doctrines of Grace #6**  
Study Outline – Grace Bible Chapel  
**Sola's Continued – Sola Fide & Soli Deo Gloria**  
*June 30th, 2024*

**Introduction:**

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What is the origin of saving faith? –

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What are the characteristics of saving faith?

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What are the components of sola fide or saving faith?

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What must we take with us concerning Sola Fide?

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**Soli Deo Gloria - Our Only Ambition and Motive:**

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.

**Introduction:**

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**God's purpose is His glory:**

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**The importance of recognizing & honoring God's glory:**

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# The Role of God's glory: \_\_\_\_\_

## God's Glory in Worship

Category	God-Centered	Man-Centered
Goal	Glorifying God by our worship must be our goal, our highest priority. (I Cor. 10:31). The purpose of our corporate worship service is for our congregation to worship God. Evangelism, though important, is secondary.	Bringing people in by our worship service is the highest goal in man-centered worship. Though this seems like a noble goal, it must not be our highest goal. When worship is turned into an evangelistic tool, both worship & evangelism suffer.
Unsaved friendly vs. Seeker-driven	According to Romans 3:10-18, there are none who seek God from their hearts. Though we must show love and concern for the unsaved who attend worship, we must be careful not to design the worship service around their desires, but around God's desires. We must remember that the greatest obstacle for the unbeliever is his sinful heart.	In the seeker-driven model, the worship service is adjusted to "meet the needs" [better called 'wants'] of the unbeliever, making it 'relevant' for unbelievers.  The theology behind this seeker-driven movement teaches that everyone seeks for God, and all we need to do is take obstacles out of an unbeliever's way for them to come to Christ.
Gospel Offense	The Gospel is inherently offensive: the spotless Lamb of God who had to undergo hell on the cross for totally depraved sinners. We must share the whole counsel of God, including the offensive parts. (Acts 20:27) We must also be careful not to add our own offensiveness to the mix.	Man-centered attempts at worship invariably take out the offense of the Gospel to make it more palatable for so-called seekers. Sermons lack mention of sin, hell, punishment, total depravity... A gospel of salvation has no context apart from salvation from sin by the shed blood of Christ (Acts 2:36, Heb 9:22c).
Entertainment Vs. Worship	Worship is done before an audience of One. We are all the participants, & the desire is that God is pleased (Rev. 5:13, Phil 2:10,11). We stand in awe of God, and our affections are stirred, not vice versa. (Acts 2:43).	Having the goal of 'bringing 'em in' as the top priority will inevitably result in turning the worship hour into an entertainment session. The focus is taken off standing in awe of God and placed, instead, on what the participant will enjoy or how he/she will feel.
Needs Vs. Wants	If we focus on what man truly needs, we must understand that our greatest need is for God. When we look to God first & do things His way, the outcome will meet the true needs of men. (Matt. 6:33).	In the name of being 'needs-based', the focus actually becomes on what people want. While people's shallow desires are constantly fed, the true needs are left unmet. This approach tends to produce rapid quantitative growth and a lack of qualitative growth.
Relevance	Our desire is not to be irrelevant, but the truth of God's Word and God's glory must never be compromised in the name of so-called relevance.	When relevance is the measure of all things, truth is invariably sacrificed.
Human Worth	Human worth is not diminished by God-centeredness. Instead, it is established. When we focus on God who alone has worth in Himself, & understand that we are created in His image, this brings us true worth. (II Samuel 22).	Man has no worth in and of himself, and being man-centered in one's approach to anything is ultimately futile.
Spirit & Truth	God desires worshippers who will worship Him in spirit and truth (John 4:24). We must know the majestic, holy God and our sinfulness in order to worship Him.	Focus is often on worshipping God 'in the Spirit' with very little emphasis on truth. The problem is that worship without truth, though sincere, is sincerely unpleasing to God.