

***What Is Reformed Theology?***  
“Understanding the Five Solas of the Reformation”  
and “Sola Scriptura”

I. Noting the five solas

- A. *Sola Scriptura* \_\_\_\_\_
- B. *Sola Gratia* \_\_\_\_\_
- C. *Sola Fide* \_\_\_\_\_
- D. *Solus Christus* \_\_\_\_\_
- E. *Soli Deo Gloria* \_\_\_\_\_

II. Historical Development

- A. Identified with the Reformation, but the five solas were not fully utilized as titles until \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. Philip Melanchthon
- B. Theodore Engelder, 1916
  - 1. “The Three Principles of the Reformation.”
- C. Emil Brunner, 1934
  - 1. His substitution.
- D. Geoffrey Elton, 1958
  - 1. The great watch words.
  - 2. His commentary on Karl Barth’s work.

### III. The significance of the Latin summary titles.

A. Twentieth and twenty-first century development.

B. Rediscovery of the Reformation

### IV. *Sola Scriptura* – or Scripture Alone

A. Scripture must govern all matters of f\_\_\_\_\_ and p\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Church tradition

2. The Bible is the chief I\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Martin Luther's testimony.

B. The material and formal cause of the Protestant Reformation.

1. The material cause

2. The formal cause.

3. Luther at Worms

C. Common misunderstanding.

1. Infallibility – The Roman and Protestant view

2. Both sides acknowledged the A\_\_\_\_\_ of the B\_\_\_\_\_.

a. The question was over – “Is the Bible the o\_\_\_\_\_ i\_\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_ of special revelation?”

b. Rome's view

3. Note general and special revelation.

a. General Revelation or Natural Revelation – Romans 1:18-20

b. Special Revelation –II Timothy 3:16

4. Sola Scriptura

a. Meaning of “alone”

b. John Calvin

5. II Timothy 3:16-17

a. THEOPNEUST .

D. Infallibility

1. Meaning

a. Romans 1:1

E. Inerrancy

1. Controversial

2. Martin Luther

3. Relationship to the original manuscripts

F. Calvin on the canon.

1.

2. “*recepimus*”

G. Luther

## H. Distinctions

### 1. The biblical canon

#### a. Biblical books

#### b. The Canon (Chart reproduced from Sproul, *Grace Unknown*, pg. 54)

<b>The Canon</b>		
	<b>Biblical Canon</b>	<b>Biblical Books</b>
Roman Catholic View	infallible	infallible
Protestant View	fallible	infallible

## I. Proper interpretation

### 1. Private interpretation

### 2. Hermeneutics.

### 3. Central Rule

### 4. Genre

### 5. The principle of literal interpretation

#### a. *Sensus literalis*

#### b. Luther

#### c. Ending of the “*quadriga*”

#### d. *Grammatico-historical*

#### 1. Luther