

Doxa Series
Never Again Out of Place
“Mankind is Helpless”
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Opening

-history, narrative, task, engineer, artist, foodie... (people in the crowd)

-7 core Christian beliefs (directional AND instructional)

- **God is one**
- **The Bible is true**
- **The Cross is enough**
- **Mankind is helpless**
- **Jesus is life**
- **Eternity is real**
- **The Church is central**

-Each of these beliefs lead me somewhere...and when I wander from that “place” I will always feel out of place. (geography of the heart)

-Genesis 3:8-9

Recap (Believe = Posture/Position)

-God is One:

The oneness of God reveals that the nature of God is to be for others...TRUST.

-The Bible is True:

God didn't create the Bible for reading; He wrote the Bible to recreate us...SURRENDER.

-The Church is Central:

The Church of Jesus is where the example of Jesus is lived by the people of Jesus...SACRIFICE.

-Eternity is Real:

I am an immortal, eternal being created by God to live and rule and reign with Him forever... HOPE.

-(show list with all the WORDS we have covered to date)

Introduction

-By grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone because I am eternally lost on my own... _____.

-The Five Solas

Essentially, a former Augustinian monk named Martin Luther and his contemporaries started a protest against the unbiblical actions and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church in Europe, which launched the Protestant Reformation.

At the heart of the 16th-century movement was the question of ultimate authority in the Christian Church and the life of the Christian. The Protestant Reformation was a call back to biblical Christianity, to acknowledge that the authority on all matters, both for the Church and believers, is God's Word alone and that sinful man is reconciled with God by faith in Christ alone.

Protestantism rejects core claims of the Catholic Church, including apostolic succession, the infallibility attributed to the pope, and the equating of the authority of church teaching and tradition with the authority of Scripture. Out of the Reformation emerged the articulation of five essential points of doctrine known as the five solas. These five statements serve as a summary of the core beliefs that separate Protestantism from Roman Catholicism. (learning how to disagree without being disagreeable!)

- 1. Grace Alone**
- 2. Faith Alone**
- 3. Christ Alone**
- 4. Scripture Alone**
- 5. The Glory of God Alone**

-Are we different than "reformed" churches?

- Sovereignty vs. Freewill**
- Complementarianism vs. Egalitarianism**
- Spiritual Disciplines vs. Pathways**

-But we most certainly agree with this:

By grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone because I am eternally lost on my own... CONFESSION.

By Grace alone

-Grace means that God gives us what we don't deserve and could never possibly earn, unmerited favor.

-Titus 2:11-14 (ESV)

-(talk about temptation still my effort...pathways still my effort!)

Through Faith alone

-Faith means that I am willing to put the full weight of my life on the promises of God regardless of my circumstances.

-Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)

-(temptation is resistible...Heave is waiting...despite our doubt)

In Christ alone

-Luke 23:39-43

-But both Matthew and Mark say that both thieves mocked Jesus...

-What will you do with the "6 hours" you are with Jesus?

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